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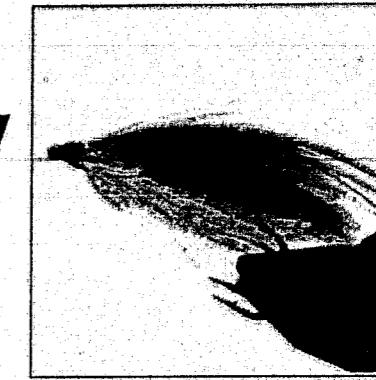
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Newry town meeting

## Challenger defeats three-term selectman

By ALISON ALOISIO

At their annual town meeting Monday, Newry voters elected a new selectman and directed the board to seek bids in the future for the town's road maintenance work.

Fifty-five voters turned out for the gathering, which lasted just over an hour.

They narrowly elected Brooks Morton to replace incumbent selectman Jim Largess, 27-25 (see sidebar). Alan Fleet was re-elected as dog-ficer.

And while they approved \$139,000 for the Highways and Bridges maintenance account, voters said through a straw poll that they want selectmen to ask for bids.

For at least 20 years D.A. Wilson & Co. has handled that work, with no bids involved, according to town officials.

"I think it should go to bid," said Sylvia Gray, who formerly served as the town's admin-

istrative assistant.

David Berry, while favoring a bid process, said the bid should be awarded for a two- or three-year period. A contractor, he said, "needs to be guaranteed more than a single year," in case a new truck or other purchase might be required to take on the work.

For a bid process to take place for 2012, a special town meeting would likely be required, town officials said.

In another straw vote, residents said they favored selectmen contributing \$250 to the annual fireworks display on Mollyockett Days in Bethel. The request, from Robin Zinchuk of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, came too late to be added to the Community Assistance article.

Zinchuk said at the meeting that she is asking all SAD 44

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## Morton pledges to listen

By ALISON ALOISIO

For the first time in decades, the Board of Selectmen in Newry will be comprised entirely of residents of the Bear River Valley.

The shift happened at Monday evening's annual town meeting, when Brooks Morton defeated incumbent selectman (and chairman) Jim Largess, who lives in the Sunday River Valley.

Morton, who announced his candidacy Monday morning on Facebook, won by a vote of 27-25.

After the meeting concluded, he explained his decision to be a candidate.

"I had a lot of townspeople ask me to run," said Morton, who has served a decade on the town's Planning Board, most recently as chairman. He said he did not make up his mind "100 percent" until Monday morning.

Morton said he was prompted to run in the wake of "the emotions at the last town meeting," where, he said, "the mood got divisive."

He referred to a December special town meeting, which saw a large turnout of residents who voted down two proposals offered by selectmen.

One, requested by a group of interested citizens led by former selectman Steve Wright, would have created a Conservation Commission. An overwhelming majority, concerned that the commission's activities could lead to ordinances

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## 'Disaster' victims, pets to seek shelter at Telstar

A predicted "flood" Saturday is expected to bring a wave of mock victims and their pets, to Telstar High School, where other volunteers will be waiting to provide for their needs.

The Oxford County Emergency Management Agency will conduct a full simulation of a shelter opened in response to a disaster. More than 100 people are expected to take part, including members from American Red Cross, SAD 44, the Oxford County Animal Response Team, and volunteers playing the role of shelter clients will participate. The shelter will be "open" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day.

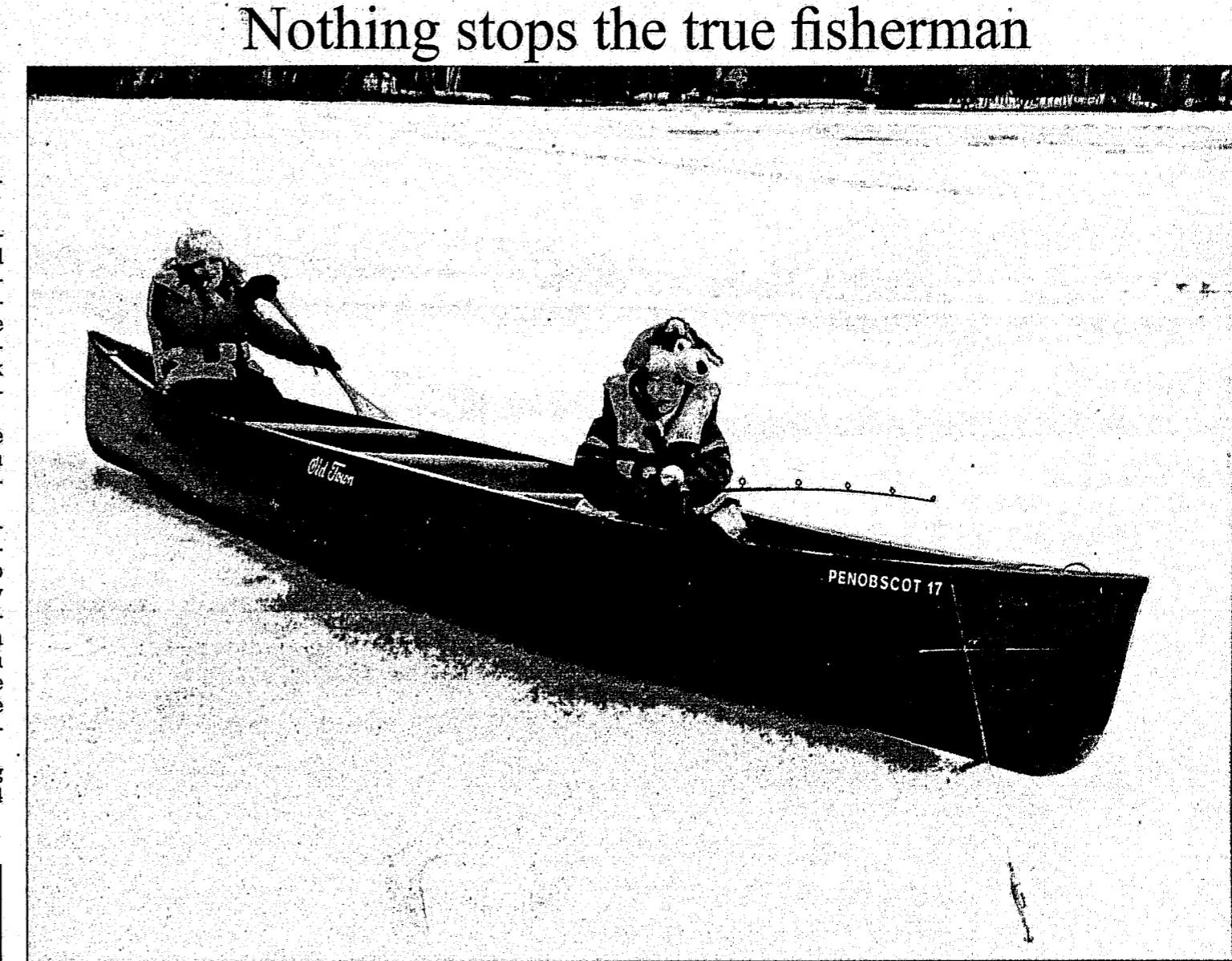
The shelter will be set up in response to a mock "flood" that would displace local resi-

dents from their homes.

"This exercise will give participants a chance to set up and open one of our county's regional shelters, giving them an opportunity to find out how to best set up the shelter as if they were responding to a real incident," said Teresa Glick of OCEMA. "Volunteers playing roles as shelter clients will present a variety of challenges to shelter staff, such as mock food allergies, medical needs, special sleeping requirements, etc. that shelter staff will need to find solutions to as part of the exercise. The shelter staff will also be working with the Telstar kitchen staff to create a hot meal, and American Red Cross Health Services staff will be working with the school nurse and Bethel Rescue to assist shelter residents who may need medical assistance."

The exercise will also em-

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When Katie and Andrew Davis of Lyme, N.H. came to visit their grandparents, Mac and Nancy Davis of Albany in late February, they asked to go canoeing on Songo Pond. "I told them it would be pushing it to go canoeing in February, even this winter," said Mac. But he honored their request, and they even got in a little practice for open-water fishing season.

(Photo: Mac Davis)

## Bethel selectmen sign off on Conservation Commission plan for developing park proposal

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Bethel selectmen have approved the town Conservation Commission's plan for developing a detailed proposal for the development of the 2,300-acre Bingham parcel as a multi-use recreational and working forest.

The plan outlined by the BCC includes an 11-month timetable, with a dozen tasks and due dates, concluding with submission of a final management proposal to the state in January 2013.

The four-page plan was presented to the selectmen at their regular meeting Monday evening.

It had the backing of Town Manager Jim Doar, who worked with the BCC in drawing it up.

"This should be the roadmap going forward," Doar said. "I think the board of selectmen

'The plan outlined by the BCC includes an 11-month timetable, with a dozen tasks and due dates, concluding with submission of a final management proposal to the state in January 2013.'

would be well served to accept their recommendations."

Much of Monday's discussion focused on the role the BCC it-

self will play in management of the parcel, since there has been general consensus that

another town board or authori-

ty should be formed at some point to focus its energy and attention solely on the parcel.

"The development and man-

agement of recreational uses

like the mountain-bike park

is a little too much for them to

handle," Doar said. "It's out of

the scope of the Bethel Conservation Commission."

Board Chair Stan Howe agreed, noting that the Conservation Commission already has numerous responsibilities.

"I think we need to look at another agency to look over the Bingham land," Howe said. "I think they would agree. They've got a lot of other things in the town to look over. I think it should be a separate entity, a Park Authority or something of that sort."

But Selectman Pat Carter said, "I would very much like to see the BCC be very much part of that."

BCC member Landon Fiske suggested having one member of the BCC serve on the new board.

That option appealed to Selectman Don Bennett. "I suspect all of you on the Conservation Commission would rather not just totally walk away from this," he said.

BCC Chair Jackie Cressy said that for the moment she saw "no pressing need at this point to create that authority."

"But once we get this management in place," she said "then there's going to be — I think 'Authority' is a good word — to manage it."

While she agreed there should be someone from the

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## Divergent perspectives shared at local forum on LURC's overhaul

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Last Thursday the Maine Legislature's Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee voted to send the much-discussed LURC overhaul bill to the full Legislature for a vote.

In its final form, the bill's two major changes include putting eight representatives of counties with the largest portions of unorganized territory (including Oxford County) on the commission's board and allowing counties to take responsibility for their own land use issues from the commis-

sion, but not until 2017.

Earlier in the week approximately 50 local residents turned out for a forum at Telstar to discuss the proposed changes and their implications for land use in the unorganized territories.

Most of the evening's con-

versation focused on the lat-

ter change, and the possible

breaking up of LURC.

The two-hour forum was structured around five pres-

entations by individuals in-

volved in one manner or an-

other with land-use issues.

They included Samantha

Horn-Olson, acting director LURC; Scott Cole, Oxford County administrator; Richard Grover a small landowner in Mason Township; Sherm Small, a consulting forester; and Bryan Wentzell, Maine Policy Director for the Appalachian Mountain Club.

Horn-Olson, led off, providing an overview of LURC's current role, patterns of change in land ownership, the recreation and residential markets, and business growth.

"Some things don't change, however," she said. "Forest

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Inaugural Fishing Festival March 24

By TERRY KARKOS, Sun Media Group

Fishing-habitat restoration projects and river access in Western Maine will get a boost on March 24 when the Western Maine Fly Fishing Expo debuts.

It will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bethel Inn Resort Conference Center in Bethel. The Expo is sponsored by the Mollyockett Chapter of

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## Letters

## PELLET HEATING MILESTONE

## To the Editor:

On March 1 Senator Susan Collins led the pellet heating industry to an important milestone. In a hearing with Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shawn Donovan, Senator Collins pointed up the extraordinary technological advances in pellet central heating and bulk pellet transportation and the importance of the fuel source to the oil-dependent Northeast. She implored Secretary Donovan to consider listing pellet boiler systems as "conventional primary heat sources" for FHA purposes.

Secretary Donovan publicly appreciated Senator Collins' alert on the rapidly growing technology and its importance to the Northeast and announced that HUD regulations had been modified to include pellet boiler systems as "conventional primary heat sources" when they meet the same requirements as other central heating systems.

Senator Collins' efforts on behalf of the people of Maine and an emerging New England industry exemplify what can be good about government. That the senator was quickly able to convince a substantial Washington bureaucracy that it needed to modify its regulations in light of technological change speaks well for both the senator's abilities to persuade and the secretary's willingness to hear.

I very much appreciate this work.

Harry "Dutch" Dresser

President, Maine Pellet Fuels Association

## "KINGDOM TRAILS" PRESENTATION

## To the Editor:

The Bethel Conservation Commission has invited Tim Tierney, Executive Director of Kingdom Trails Association in East Burke, Vt., to give a presentation on his organization. Kingdom Trails Association was established in 1994. Its mission is "to provide recreation and education opportunities for local residents and visitors while working to conserve natural resources and create economic stimulation." The Association manages a network of quality biking, hiking and Nordic trails for all levels of abilities.

Given that Bethel has the opportunity to use the former water district property for the benefit of its citizens, the Conservation Commission members invite all those interested to attend this presentation to see what we might learn from the experience of Kingdom Trails.

The presentation will be given in the town office meeting room at 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 8.

Jacquelyn Cressy

Chairperson, Bethel Conservation Commission

## WINTERFEST THANKS

## To the Editor:

The Bethel Area Chamber is very pleased that the Bethel WinterFest 2012 was well received by the people of the Bethel area, our visitors, and the media! The Friday snowstorm helped to make for a snowy landscape — and also made it possible for the Greenstock Snowmobile Club to do their free SnowGroomer rides.

There were activities planned at all the winter recreation venues — offering Nordic skiing, alpine skiing and riding, horse-drawn sleigh rides, indoor entertainment and more.

The Chamber's mission is to create a climate where our businesses can flourish — and I believe the WinterFest helped to bring attention to the wonderful recreation assets we have right in our backyards. The Snow Volcano — a.k.a. local sledding hill — has provided hours of wholesome fun for young and not-so-young. We have enjoyed watching and listening to the laughter.

Some individuals who, for one reason or another, do not get involved in these community activities, may not understand why we submit Letters to the Editor to thank sponsors and volunteers after we finish a project. This is one of the only ways the Chamber has to recognize businesses and individuals who make these projects possible.

The WinterFest was made possible this year through the funding generosity of Norway Savings Bank, Sunday River Resort and Twenty2Vodka. In-kind sponsorships were provided by Mt. Abram Ski Resort (who hosted the Rail Jam), 22 Broad Street — John and Amy Amann (who hosted our WinterFest kick-off party), ProQuip Equipment Rentals, Savage Contracting, DA Wilson Co., Cross Excavation, the Town of Bethel, the Bethel Water District, Bancroft Contracting, Gleason Media Services, Gould Academy, Tubbs Snowshoes, True North Adventures, and the Greenstock Snowmobile Club.

The WinterFest volunteer team worked tirelessly over the course of the last six weeks to make the event possible.

Engineer and idea-man Jim Sysko, Ed Bennett, Bob Westfall, and the incredible hands-on work of Jim Bennett and Allen Lowe are to be credited.

Committed members who also helped to shape the event were Brent Larson, Bill Brown and Greg Warner from Sunday River, Steve Etheridge, Amanda Moran, Anne Carter, and Edie Okenquist.

The sledding hill will exist, without any maintenance, for the remainder of the winter. Please be aware that utilizing it is at your own risk — so be safe and have fun.

Robin Zinchuk

Executive Director, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

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## CHAMBER AWARDS DINNER AND CELEBRATION

## To the Editor:

For the last 42 years, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce has held an annual awards event to recognize community and business excellence. We look to the members of our communities to nominate those who they consider outstanding in their respective fields and deserving of recognition. Nominations must be submitted by April 2 and can either be sent to the Chamber at P.O. Box 1247, Bethel, ME 04217, delivered to our office, or e-mailed to info@bethelmaine.com.

The chamber has added many new categories since the "original three" — which were Business of the Year, the Henry H. Hastings Award for Citizenship, and the Lifetime Achievement Award (formerly called the Senior Citizen Award). We continue to provide recognition in these categories but have added the following awards: Bethel Area Non-Profit Leadership Award, Forest Products Industry Award, Public Service Award (typically goes to someone working in municipal governments or committees), Rising Star Entrepreneur Award, Rocky Freda Memorial Award, and four Employee of the Year Awards: Ski Industry, Service and Retail, Education and Hospitality (these should be nominated by their respective employers). We also present three awards to high school seniors who are chosen by the staff of Telstar High School.

The Awards Dinner and Celebration is scheduled for Friday, May 4, to be held at the Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River Resort. The chamber is accepting reservations by calling 824-2282. A complete delicious buffet dinner with all the festivities is \$39 per person and \$325 for a sponsored table of 8.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for this event, and information on the benefits of this can be obtained by contacting the chamber. We are also seeking donations for our Silent Auction — which has been a terrific addition to the event. Please call us.

Many thanks for taking the time to nominate those who are outstanding in our communities and work places.

Irene McGrew and Dave Nivis

For the Awards Committee and Chamber Board Members

## UPDATE ON UMBAGOG TAKINGS PETITION

## To the Editor:

My petition concerning the Umbagog Wildlife Refuge is nearing the end. I contacted Ray Burton; we met along with Larry Enman, one of Errol's selectmen, and set a date of March 24 for the presentation of the petitions to New Hampshire's senators and representatives. We, along with Sen. Gallus will present them in his Berlin office at 11 a.m. At that time I will also present all the letters and requests that were sent by our County Commissioners, Ray Burton, Selectmen, and Sen. Gallus, and promptly ignored by the Department of Interior and our federal politicians. I will also have copies of e-mails and a letter from Sen. Shaheen bragging about her role in procuring millions and earmarks for this federal bureaucracy.

This petition has been a huge success in bringing to the forefront this issue of unelected bureaucrats who answer only to other unelected bureaucrats in South Hadley, Mass. Buying up land, putting their own rules in place, destroying towns' and a county's tax base, arrogantly ignoring local customs, and worst of all, having the audacity to claim that they have made this a better place. If you really want to see your tax dollars at work, just take a ride in to the Potter Farm where the federal empire builders have all their toys, paid for with your tax dollars. A huge garage, a three-bay garage, a couple of storage buildings, construction equipment, and not just the kind one would use to do small jobs like burying shingles or other things, but major construction.

A lot of credit goes to people like George Croteau, who got the petition around Berlin, the Portsmouth Navy Yard, the many businesses in Berlin, and of course the North Woods One Stop, Errol General Store, and the Errol Restaurant stood by the snowmobilers, hunters, loggers, and camp owners. Welsh's Restaurant in Gorham, Isaacson Steel, Gordy's store in West Milan and Boscobuck Camps all stood by us. Only one business in Errol refused the petition and not surprisingly receives the bulk of the refuge business.

In closing, I know that trying to effect change with unelected, double-talking arrogant bureaucrats is pretty futile, so we have to go after our Federal Senators and Representatives who fund this beast. Senator Shaheen has proudly sold our county down the drain to the radical environmental movement and is now a Washington insider, aligned with notables such as Barbara Boxer and Nancy Pelosi, so she is probably a lost cause until she runs for office again. That still leaves us with Sen. Ayotte and Rep. Bass who are sympathetic to our plight. A grateful "thank you" to all who have supported this petition, and if there are any more petitions out there, please get them to me at rlord4@yahoo.com. We still have a long way to go and are fed up with the federal leeches. We don't believe a thing that comes out of the mouth of their leader anymore, and he and they need to move on to create an empire somewhere else.

Yours for freedom,

Bob Lord

Errol, N.H.

## INVITATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

## To the Editor:

The Mountain Valley Athletic Boosters in conjunction with the MV Rec Men's Basketball League will be holding its annual invitational basketball tournament on March 30, 31 and April 1 at Mountain Valley High School and Mountain Valley Middle School.

This tournament will consist of 16 teams divided into A and B divisions based on skill and competition level. There will be a minimum of three round-robin games on Friday and Saturday followed by playoff rounds on Sunday. Games will consist of two 20-minute running halves with stop time in the last two minutes of each half. All tourney teams for each division are awarded. There will also be local shop and corporate giveaways.

Included are shooting contests, foul shooting, three-point competition and a new skills shooting event. There will be evening activities at local establishments in Rumford. The Elks Club will also be hosting a Saturday evening buffet and dance and will be available throughout the tournament serving lunch items. The Boosters will also be serving drinks and snacks. There will be discounts for lodging for out-of-town teams.

The entry fee is \$375, referees, scorers and timers for the event will be provided. For additional information about playing, refereeing or helping, please contact MV Rec commissioner, MV Athletic Booster and tournament organizer Eddie Paterson at 364-9352 or epaterson2@roadrunner.com for further information.

Edward H. Paterson

Rumford

Celladore

## "How do you get water?"

A house guest from hard-water country once asked me if I ever caught rainwater to wash my hair. There was not need, as all Maine had soft water except for a few very deep driven wells. Came a gentle summer shower, the beginning of a love affair with zinc tubs and catching rainwater that is still with me. Whether it was the memory of February and March and carrying water or an unconscious desire to outwit the cantankerous Olds engine, I know not, but watching the streams of water run down the gutter pipes, I suddenly thought what a scandalous waste. Down I went to the garden house for a zinc tub and put it under the drip; it filled soon so off for more tubs distributed hither and yon. Three tubs at the termination of the north porch filled quickly. The southwest corner had an advantage as one could go out the front door and dip some water without being in the rain. As I exulted in all this bounty, the rain stopped. It would be a perfect time to pull weeds but in comes B.B.

"What are you planning to do with these tubs of water all over the place?" "Wash my face and hair; it is supposed to be a beauty treatment." "Aren't you afraid that you won't have enough to rinse with?"

I cast a quick glance, four full tubs on the north side, what would he think of the three on the south side? In drove Edward A. "What are you doing with all those tubs of water; is your well dry?" "Certainly not, it's forty feet deep and has never been dry. I'm planning to wash blankets." "Better be at it, this place looks like paddypaddy."

I would try it now. I heated three kettles of water on the gas stove, added some to a tub with some soap flakes, popped in a blanket. It was great fun sloshing from one tub to another, assembly-line style. Water spilled over on the grass but no matter. It was heavy work getting a wet blanket over the clothesline but I managed and left them dripping. Too late to garden now, may as well get cleaned up. Dressing for dinner at Celladore was simple: a bath, clean shorts, shirt and white shoes. We saved special wood for summertime that made a quick, hot fire and heated water in the tank quite quickly. Just as I was about to strike the match, I had another inspiration. Three tubs still had water. Why not a bath outside? I heated another teakettle of water and in deference to possible unexpected guests, moved a tub outside the west door of the garden house by the moss rose bed. I gathered soap and towels, donned a terry robe, and had a wonderful refreshing bath — splashing water onto the grass, sniffing the roses, dried by sunshine — far superior to an inside bathroom. I started to put away the empty tubs in the barn, then stopped, put up some big hooks in the woodshed and hung the tubs there.

"What are all the tubs doing here?" asked B.B. when he came in for supper. "I'll show you later; come and eat while the biscuits are still hot."

The meal finished, we went to the clothesline for the blankets. The water slowly dripping away had left them soft and fluffy, without a wrinkle and smelling divinely. B.B. admitted this was nicer than dry-cleaning. From now on I would do all the wools this way. To the garden house and I described my outdoor bath. I had hoped for praise or approval. B.B. said nothing, but he left the tubs in the shed.

A week later, came another summer shower. I raced to get the tubs out. After the rain stopped we took a ride, I had a moss rose bath and asked B.B. if he cared to try the new arrangement. He did, but still made no comment. Next day, he came home with bags of cement. It was good time to put in a new east barn door sill. It was hard work, but also fun. We used the water in the tubs to mix the cement. When we were finished B.B. embedded a horseshoe; I scratched in the date with a stick. We sat back on the grass, dirty and hot but happy with accomplishment. There was still a half tub of water left, enough for a bath, but B.B. said he needed it for another project that he would do alone and did not need my help.

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## Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Andover Elementary School students enjoyed sledding, skiing, snowboarding, and snow for building during their Winter Carnival.

Alys Parsons was honored on her 90th birthday at a surprise party held at the Andover Library.

Girl Scout Troop 113, West Paris, sponsored the "Man of My Dreams" father-daughter dance at the Agnes L. Gray Gymnasium.

Deaths: Charlotte R. Thompson, Mary Balthis' Harrel, Hubert J. Moore, Wilbur S. Viles, Phillip "Glenn" Decker, Mary Besaw, Albert F. Cotton.

20 years ago: Keenan Auction Company of Kingfield was making plans to open a retail skiwear outlet in the former Edelweiss building.

A HH-1N "Huey" helicopter from BNAS, on a training mission in the area, made an unscheduled landing at Col. Dyke field when its engine started to overheat.

Telstar High School senior Brian Davis, was selected by the All-American Marching Band to march in Paris, France for the opening of Euro Disney.

Deaths: Lester M. Farington, Verne W. Glover.

30 years ago: Four-year-old pupils from the Stepping Stone Nursery School visited the kindergarten class at Ethel Bissell School.

Telstar Middle School winter athletes were honored with awards and certificates at a special assembly.

The U. S. Postal Service was inviting applications for the position of Postmaster at West Bethel.

Births: Kyle Weston Taylor, Zachary Rothman Kraus.

Deaths: Mrs. Leona F. Luray, Arthur R. Dean, Helen C. Roderrick, Walter L. Lapham.

40 years ago: Telstar students Dana Melville, Sharon Dombrowski, Merry Robertson, and David Holt, were selected as Outstanding Teenagers of America for 1972.

The Telstar senior chorus joined choruses from Gorham, Mexico and Oxford Hills for a performance in South Paris.

Birth: Michael Daniel Hatch.

Deaths: Frank D. Vashaw, Mrs. Lilla G. Stearns, Mrs. Bernice N. Noyes, Wallace H. Brown, Lauren Bennett, Ray S. York.

50 years ago: A fire at Roy Moore's amounted to a loss of \$1,000, including two small barns, four sheep, seven lambs, four tons of hay, and tools.

At the Bethel town meeting, it was voted without opposition to build and equip a two-classroom addition to Crescent Park School.

Death: Samuel T. Smith.

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## Letters

### THE WATER FOR WINTERFEST

#### To the Editor:

Let it be known to all BWD customers: Water that was normally given for the public skating rink was given to the Bethel Chamber of Commerce for the WinterFest project. Any amount over that was paid for by the Chamber, using current rates.

*Lucien G. Roberge*

Superintendent

### MAPS – AN IMPORTANT RESOURCE

#### To the Editor:

I am local landowner, small business owner, and member of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, responding to last week's story about the threat to landowners and businesses from Beginning with Habitat (BWH) Maps and the Woodstock Open Space Plan. They are an important and valuable resource for me and my business, and our community.

Landowners can use these maps as a tool to learn about the potential resources on their properties. In last week's Citizen, Commissioner Woodcock and Steve Walker of Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife (IF&W), and Brooks Morton, Chairman of the Newry Planning Board, clearly explained the scientific basis of these maps and how towns use them beneficially.

My business is based on the natural resources of this region. I'm a real estate buyer broker and consultant on land conservation and natural resources policy. Over the years I've had numerous successful business dealings with members of Bethel Area Business Association (BABA), including my friend Dennis Doyon.

My real estate business in the Bethel area depends on buyers interested in the beauty and natural resources in this region. They come here because they see a community that has a balance of excellent recreational opportunities, conserved land, and diverse amenities such as restaurants, movie theater, educational opportunities, small-scale shops, etc. Some of them are interested in investing in long-term sustainable forestry, a core element of our local economy. I have clients that would be thrilled to know that they might have rare plants or animals or a deer yard on their property. These are specific qualities that can be marketed by landowners selling their property. My clients also would be pleased to know that they are buying property adjacent to conserved land. Check out some of the local real estate ads marketing their properties as being adjacent to the Great Brook Preserve in Newry. They are selling the benefits of being "surrounded by hundreds of acres of conservation land with waterfalls and hiking trails."

At the March 1 article, David Stearns remarked about Woodstock's Open Space Plan: "It's a document that gets put on file in the town or the state, and all of a sudden it becomes gospel. It becomes fodder for opportunity." The opportunity I see is for the community to better understand what natural resources are found in the town and to consider different ways to maintain these natural resources so that we can balance conservation with development and leave a positive legacy for our children.

I serve on the Woodstock Conservation Commission and have written numerous times in this column about our intentions with the Woodstock Open Space Plan. I will repeat it again for those people who haven't read this column or aren't listening. It is not my intention to use the Woodstock Open Space Plan to implement land use ordinances. Town voters enact land use ordinances. The Woodstock Conservation Commission does use BWH maps and considers them an important reference tool. I prefer to work with landowners on a voluntary basis to maintain important natural resources, including endangered or threatened plant and animal species.

I served with my fellow Woodstock citizens in writing the Woodstock Comprehensive Plan, which also appears to be a threat to BABA. The comprehensive plan was an opportunity to document the present economy, demographics, and natural resources of Woodstock and to use the information to consider the future. There were numerous potential follow-up steps, including new ordinances, listed in the Comprehensive Plan. Once the Comprehensive Plan was passed, it was up to the citizens to decide what they wanted to do next. I am not aware of any new land use ordinances that arose as a result of the Comprehensive plan. I did not personally encourage any.

I believe in balancing growth and conservation. Both are necessary for a healthy economy and vibrant community. I thank Maine IF&W for the excellent maps that support our stewardship of all of Maine's wildlife game and non-game species.

*Marcel Polak*

Woodstock

### INFORMED, ENGAGED, IN CHARGE

#### To the Editor:

It is dismaying to hear and read attempts by some to trivialize the concerns of our community and to question the validity of the results of community efforts to manage our affairs with dedication, intelligence, and a deep concern for our future. Such has been the case regarding negative comments about local Planning Boards and Comprehensive Plans. Having participated in both, I can attest to the countless hours of painstaking effort by our citizens, either in small task groups or Board and Town level meetings. We have much to be proud of here, and absolutely nothing to feel apologetic about.

Thus it was a pleasure to read the items in the March 1 Citizen concerning the use of various maps in our development and planning processes. The piece by Alison Aloisio did a great job of revealing the concerns expressed by those questioning the veracity and uses of the maps. She provided fact-based responses that should put those concerns to rest, showing once again that our processes work.

The letter from the Newry Planning Board further explained the basic functions of the board and the resources they use to conduct their community business. Mr. Morton aptly concluded his letter with some excellent advice: "No matter which side you are on, information about the land is not bad."

As citizens in this community with people-centered concerns, each of us should maintain familiarity with these issues as well as the various roles our organs of government play in conducting our business. The best way to ensure our happy and prosperous future is to remain "an informed electorate," fully engaged and in charge of it.

*Seabury Lyon*

Bethel

## Briefly

### Upcoming town meetings

ANDOVER, WOODSTOCK, GILEAD—Andover will hold its town meeting Saturday, March 17, at 9 a.m., at the town hall. Woodstock will hold its meeting Monday, March 26 at 7 p.m. at the Woodstock Elementary School. Gilead's town meeting will be Saturday, March 31, at 7 p.m. in the town hall.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

The deadline is 4:30 p.m. Monday. Letters submitted after that deadline will be considered for publication when circumstances permit. Send letters to: Editor, Bethel Citizen, PO Box 109, Bethel, ME 04217-0109. Fax: 824-2426. E-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.



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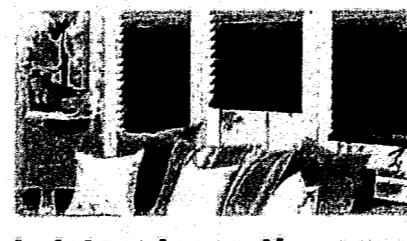
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**Woodstock Residents**

The Annual Woodstock Town Meeting will be held on Monday March 26, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Woodstock Elementary School.

The Annual Town Reports will be available at the Town Office on Monday March 19th. The reports will be hand delivered in town beginning on Tuesday the 20th.

Just a reminder that Dog Licenses are now overdue. There will be an additional fee of \$15.00 per dog after January 31, 2012, and for dogs still not registered on or before April 1, 2012 there will be a charge of \$25.00.

#### Notice to Veterans

Veterans or Widows of Veterans age 62 or older, who may be eligible for property tax exemption under our Maine Laws, should be familiar with the requirement; where by, application for tax exemption must be made to the Assessors before April 1st of the year in which exemption is expected to begin.

#### Blind Exemption

Exemptions are available to persons determined to be blind within the definition provided by title 22, Chapter 959, who are receiving aid under that Chapter. Exemption must be filed with Assessors before April 1st of the year in which the exemption is expected to begin.

#### Assessor's Notice

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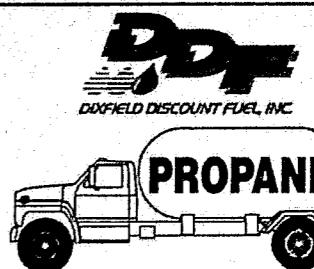
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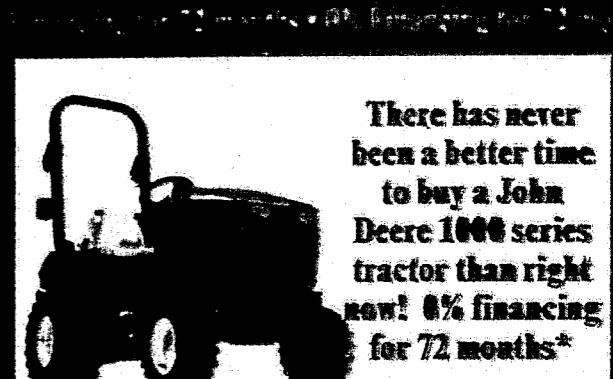
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**Bethel**

By NANCY BROWN



Bethel got 12 inches of snow in the first few days of March, providing some great snow for snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling. It was also good news for local businesses that depend on snow. For those of us who want to prolong the winter season, remember it's not unusual to get some good snowstorms late in March. Last year we had a major snowstorm on April 1 that closed schools and businesses.

Don't forget that the Rotary Club of Bethel hosts its Spring All-You-Can-Eat Country Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, March 18, from 7:30 to 11 a.m. The breakfast is at the Ordway Dining Hall at Gould Academy on Church Street. This event raises money for the club's community projects and scholarships. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$3 for children 12 or younger. You can buy advance tickets for \$7 from Rotary Club members or at these locations: River View Resort, Rostay Inn, and Mt. Mann Jewelers.

If you are a chocolate lover, save this date: Friday,

March 30, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The Friends of the Norway Memorial Library are sponsoring a "Spanish Chocolate," which will feature a variety of fantastic chocolate delights, music, and door prizes. The event will be held at the Norway library at 258 Main Street. You may pick up a free ticket at the library between March 5 and March 28. Tickets are required. The event is free, but donations are appreciated.

If you have news you'd like to share, please call me at 824-2483 or e-mail nancybrown115@yahoo.com.

**East Bethel**

By WALLY RITZ



March sure came in like a lion! Let's hope it will leave like a lamb.

I would like to thank the Rumford reader for the nice letter to the Editor. It was greatly appreciated.

I am pleased to have more news to share this week. We need to wish John Coolidge a belated Happy Birthday, which he celebrated on March 2.

Andy and Cherri Crockett accompanied Aaron and Kelley Crockett to Montego Bay, Jamaica last week for the wed-

ding of Aaron and Kellie's daughter Nikki Emerson to Matt Spurgin. They spent four beautiful days in the sun and Nikki looked like a dream. Cherri said the hardest thing to do was put on shoes when she got back home. Everyone had a great time.

Roger and Lynne Zimmerman led a back-country ski trip to Yellowstone National Park for members of the Appalachian Mountain Club at the end of January.

The snow was excellent. They enjoyed seeing the animals, the geysers, and the spectacular scenery. Lynne led a hiking trip to New Zealand in February for the Appalachian Mountain Club. They hiked the famous Milford Track for 4 days with beautiful weather. They then did some day hikes in Queenstown, Mt. Cook National Park, and Auckland. New Zealand is a beautiful country and a very friendly place to visit. It is summer there at this time of year.

The Alder River Grange will hold their meeting on March 9 at Stan Howe's house on Broad Street in Bethel. As usual there will be a Potluck Supper at 6 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7 p.m.

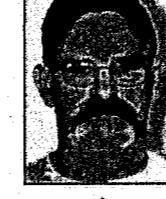
Now on to the answer to the Trivia. In the Oxford Democrat dated Oct. 7, 1879 it was written, "The road laid out by the County Commissioners from Bean's Corner to E.V. Blake's will be completed by November 25. Galen Blake is making the road." The road was discontinued in 1933.

Please, call me at 824-8220 or e-mail han@megalink.net with all your news.

Wishing everyone a great week. Think Spring.

**Upton**

By JOE BERNIER



The State Line Snowmobile Club held their monthly meeting Saturday. The main topic discussed was the upcoming ride-in/cock-out at the "Sugar Shack" and the preparations for it. The event will take place from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at Marie and Ray Chabot's on the Carry Road. The members are planning for next year's trails. They discussed some potential new trails, needed improvements on the existing trails and the possible reopening of some trails that were closed this year due to logging and lack of snow. The club will have their next meeting Saturday, April 7, at 9 a.m. in the Upton House.

Breakfast Sundays at the Ladies Aid continues to be a success.

Nancy Thew would like to get canning jars from anyone who has some that they do not want.

The Berlin Daily Sun reports that the "We Took to the Woods" discussion has been rescheduled. It will be held Monday, March 19, at 7 p.m. in the W.W.C.C. Library.

The Upton Selectmen met Tuesday, March 6, in the town office at 7 p.m.

The trail groomers are doing a great job. I took an after-supper ride Friday night and I saw four moose. Also, a ride to Andover today, with a side trip to Newry Corner, and every trail I rode on was as good as should be expected. Thank

you all for your hard work and dedication.

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**Andover**

By JANE RICH



This past week's snowstorms have brought any number of snowmobilers to town, Saturday and Sunday several large trailers with multiple machines came to park, unload their machines and enjoy the Sno-Valley Sno-Goers well-groomed trails and take advantage of the great food served at the warming hut on IT'S 82 on the property of Betsey and Dave White.

On Friday, I had the privilege of participating in a World Day of Prayer Service at the Methodist Church in Rumford along with Pastor Carol Stevens and Pastor Izzie Radford-Nash of the Green Church in Mexico. The service told the story of the women of Malaysia.

Friday evening area residents who have participated in Tres Dias weekends and their guests enjoyed a Potluck dinner and program at the First Congregational Church.

Town Meeting is scheduled for March 17 beginning at 9 a.m. A lunch will be served by the Andover Service Circle during the noon break. Town elections will be held on Tuesday, March 20, in the Town Hall. Absentee Ballots are available for the upcoming Town Election. Stop in at the office to pick up your absentee ballot if you will not be in town to vote that evening.

Candidates for selectman are Judy Tabb and Kim Gautreau Peare. Judy Tabb has been a resident of Andover for 29 years along with her husband Foster. Judy has two children and one grandchild. Her education and employment has been focused in the realm of accounting and business management. Over the years she has taken a variety of accounting-related courses, most recently at the Rumford-Mexico University of Maine Campus. Judy has served on the Andover Budget Committee for three years familiarizing herself with the process of town operations. As selectman she will endeavor to keep taxes low while preserving necessary services to the community.

Kim Gautreau Peare spent a lot of her childhood with her aunt in East Andover and at a family camp on the South Arm Road. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in health and human services and has special interest in gifted, talented and handicapped children as well as studies in chemical dependency. She is married to Dan Peare and has three adult children. She helps to manage the Andover Food Pantry and has been active in the community in other ways. When asked why she was running for selectman, she replied, "People have urged me to run. I feel strongly that those of us who are younger need to get involved in the community."

Next week I will profile the two persons vying for the School Board seat, Wally Smith and Mark Shraiburg.

A friendly reminder: Dog

registrations are now past

due, a \$25 per dog late fee is in effect.

**Gilead**

By LIN CHAPMAN



Thinking about how to begin the column is sometimes a struggle. At least this week, I had no problem. I was pleased to read Ron Theriault's letter in the Bethel Citizen last week. Ron is from Rumford and enjoys reading the local news printed in The Citizen. His letter mentioned Gilead and Upton and how nice it was to read about the simple life and happenings in a small town in Maine. Keep reading and keep us trying to do our best, Ron. Sometimes there just isn't much to write about.

My brother, Steve McLain, was discussing the latest fundraiser for the Gilead Historical Society with me the other day. The GHS is putting together a calendar to have for sale at Friends and Family Day in June. Lise McLain came up with a list of the names and birthdays that they wanted to put on the calendar.

Speaking of birthdays—if you see Brad McLain on March 11 be sure to wish him a Happy Birthday.

A belated birthday wish goes out to Hugh's brother, William Lord. His birthday was on March 2.

Hugh and I made a trip to Gorham Wal-Mart this past weekend. Usually, we run into someone we know, but not this time. That made us think that we are more likely to see someone we know at the Oxford Wal-Mart than we are in Gorham. That brought to mind one of the last times we were in Oxford, we ran into Davis and Sharon Kimball. Haven't seen them since, but thought we would say hello to them anyway.

**Planning Board**  
The PB had to cancel their meeting on 3/1 because of the snowstorm. They have rescheduled it for Tuesday, March 13.

**Town Office**  
The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 31 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. The Town Clerk will be available at 6:30 p.m. to register any new voters. New voters should be prepared to show proof of residence when they come to register.

**Gilead Historical Society**  
A few members of the GHS from out of town have checked in with us over the past few days to see how things are going. We have had recent calls from Howard and "Stevie" Reiche, Bob and Judy Bishop, Bob and Joanne Stewart and Norm Buttrick.

Barry Carver was in town last Sunday to meet with Hugh to make some plans on

the next step on the renovations of the schoolhouse.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapm@hotmai.com

**Albany**

By CATHY BENNETT



We finally had a nice fluffy snowstorm on Thursday. It seemed more like Christmas than March. Nice to have a snow day to get a head start on spring cleaning.

Friday night I joined Doug, Jen and Bella at the Kowloon Chinese Restaurant for dinner, then we went to see "The Lorax" at the Casablanca Movie Theater. It was a cute movie with a very good message for us all. I spent the night with them and decided to stay Saturday. Saturday night Doug invited Chris and Elton Cole to join us for dinner. Doug and Jen are great cooks. Then we spent the evening telling stories and sharing memories.

Last Sunday evening Franklin and Margaret Barton and Jane Wardwell went to The Bay House restaurant in Corinth for dinner. This Sunday Sarah Barton and her friend Larry Siccot visited them.

I have got to get busy and get things ready for school tomorrow.

Have a great week and don't forget to let me know some real exciting news from the foothills.

**Mason**

By RICHARD GROVER



**Wild Weasel**  
Our classroom training included presentations on two additions to the Wild Weasel repertoire since the F-100 days.

These were the Shrike anti-radiation missile and a primitive jamming pod. The Shrike was a missile developed by the Navy that used a seeker head that homed in on radar signals. This missile was about 10 feet long, had a 50-pound warhead consisting of a multitude of tiny steel balls designed to destroy a radar antenna and its control van.

This missile gave the Weasels the ability to disable a SAM site at least temporarily and enable bomb-carrying aircraft to either safely pass by to another target or to attack the missile site and destroy the missiles. The Shrike had two disadvantages: its range was limited to only about 10 to 12 miles, and if the radar signal terminated before impact, the seeker head began looking for

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March 2, 1:15 p.m.: Hilary M. Taylor, 20, of Bryant Pond, failure to appear; by Cpl. Justin Brown in Woodstock.

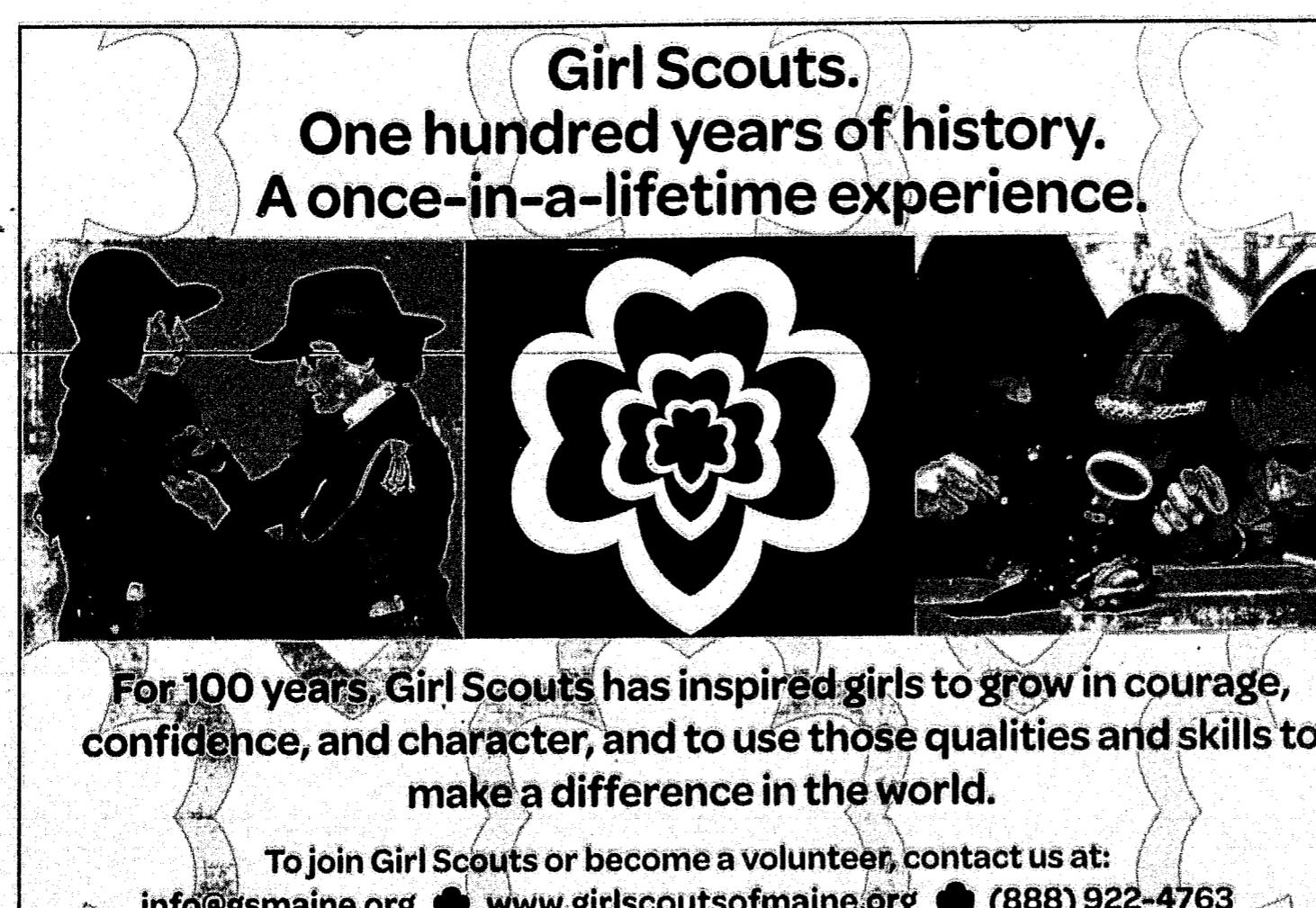
March 2, 4:59 p.m.: Mary Jo Kennett, 56, of Bethel, violation of bail conditions; disorderly conduct; by Cpl. Brian Landis in Bethel.

March 3, 11:47 a.m.: Justin J. Merchant, 23, of Bryant Pond, burglary, violation of bail conditions; by Cpl. Justin Brown in Bethel.

March 4, 1:08 a.m.: Christopher S. Pettitt, 30, of Elkton, Md., OUI; by Cpl. Brian Landis in Bethel.

March 4, 6:25 p.m.: George E. Vincent, 84, of Woodstock, DUI; by Cpl. Brian Landis in Woodstock.

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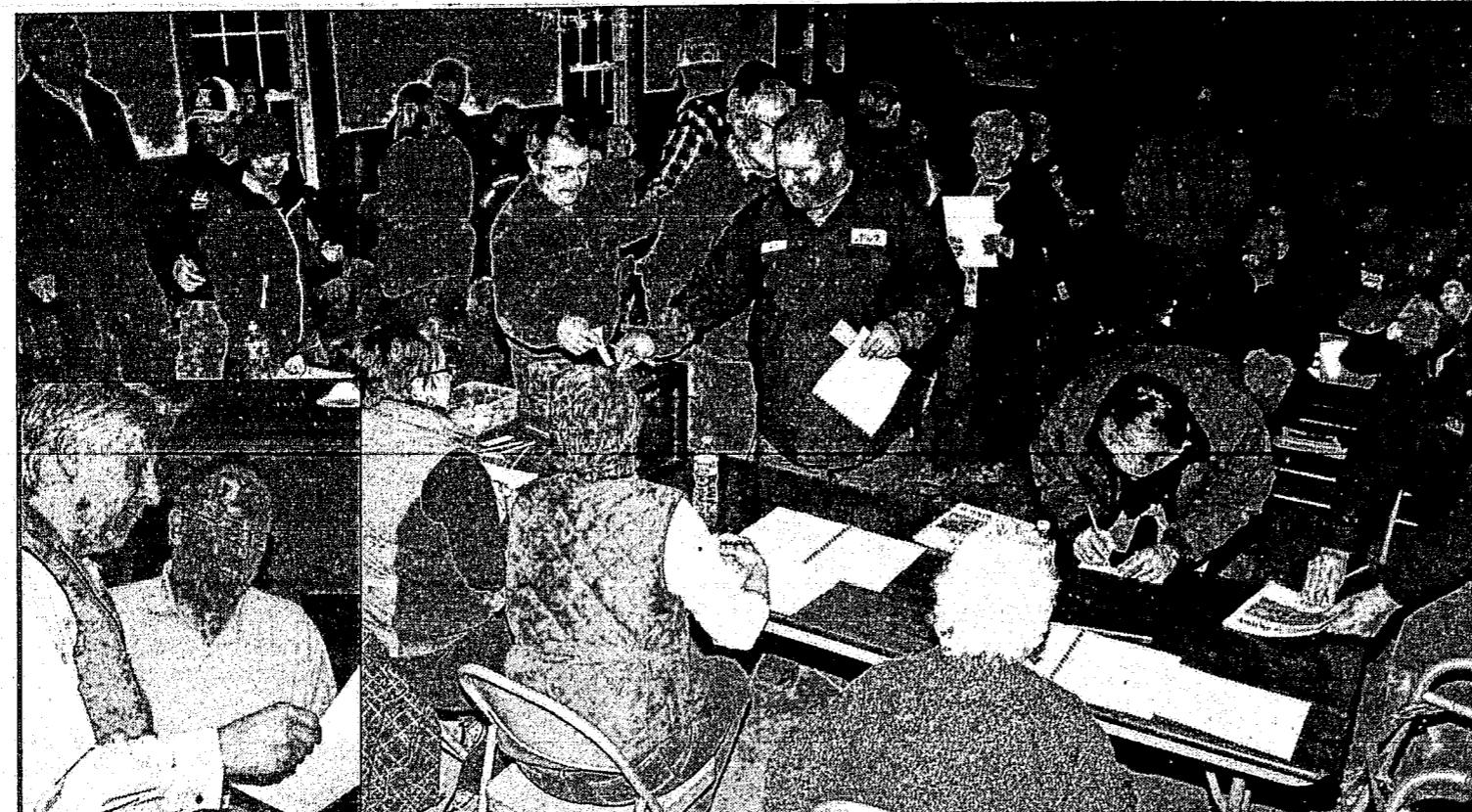
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other radar signals within its field of view. This meant that the Weasel aircraft had to penetrate well within the range of the SAM missiles (about 20 miles) to attack, but if the SAM radar shut down to avoid the Shrike, the Weasels had at least protected the strike aircraft from the immediate threat.

The jamming pod was a device shaped like a missile or fuel tank about 6 or 7 feet long and 8 or 10 inches in diameter. It was hung on one of the Thud's outboard wing weapons stations and was powered by a ram air turbine (RAT). The RAT was a generator energized by a small propeller in the nose of the pod which was turned by the airflow of the fast moving airplane. When activated by a switch in the cockpit, the pod generated an electronic noise signal, comparable to static on a radio or TV, that interfered with the SAM's target tracking radar (although not entirely effectively). When activated, the pod also effectively blinded the Weasel's ability to see the enemy radar signals!

Each Weasel crew got the opportunity to launch a Shrike missile with a dummy warhead at a radar signal generated by a practice target at the Navy's practice bombing range in the desert near China Lake, Calif. We were warned to be prepared for a bright flash of white light and a "whoosh" sound as the Shrike leaped off our wing! Sam and I were told our Shrike knocked a hole through the target radar antenna.

Upon completion of our 12 training missions, we were all eager to head for Thailand, but we had to wait until our aircraft were ready. They had to have the electronic equipment installed and tested at a depot facility in Sacramento, Calif. Crews were to deploy in rank order, with the highest ranking crews getting the earliest opportunities. Sam and I were told it would be about two weeks, or so, for us and that we could "go home" and wait for a phone call. In my case, I drove my wife and two pre-schoolers to Indiana,



**VOTING IN NEWRY**—Fifty-five voters turned out Monday evening for an hour of decision-making at the annual town meeting in Newry. Here, they cast their ballots for selectman. Inset, moderator Les Otten swears in new selectman Brooks Morton.

(Photos: A. Aloisio)

where they would spend my deployment at wife Mary's parents' farm. Four year old Dean spent a lot of time riding in the front of his grandpa's grain combine at harvest time watching corn stalks disappear into the maw of the huge machine!

### Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



The Greenwood roads are now posted with the seasonal weight restrictions due to frost

heaves and potholes. Those roads include: Greenwood Road, Johnny's Bridge and Gore Road, Vernon Street, Rowe Hill, Hayes Hill, Yates and Young Hill roads, North Norway Road, Upton Brook Road, Old County and the Kangas roads. Bird Hill Road will be its usual mud run in no time, if it isn't already.

Here's pat on the back to our great road crew for the job they did cleaning up and sanding after last week's dump of snow!

A new business tenant has been found for the former Telemark Ski Shop at the corner of Route 26 and Bird Hill Road. Building owner Rick Boucher told me that Saunders Bros. mill will be putting a showroom for their products in the space. Looking forward to seeing it when it opens.

Last week a letter to the editor in this paper asked for people's thoughts on wind power and the local turbines. Here goes! I enthusiastically support renewable energy. With that said, there is something about the current wind-power industry that does not smell quite right to me.

The 10-turbine wind-power project atop Spruce Mountain in Woodstock has the capacity to produce more than 60 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of clean, emission-free, renewable energy per year — enough to power about 9,600 Maine households. This is according to the Facebook page. The website simply says "9,600 homes." Now we are getting to the crux of the matter.

Spruce Mountain Wind is owned by Patriot Renewables (Quincy, Mass.) which, in turn, is owned by Jay Cash-

man, Inc. The energy produced by those wind turbines we all see goes south of Maine. Nineteen percent goes to the Braintree (Mass.) Electric Light Department to power close to 1,800 homes there. The other 81 percent is unknown.

Every time I drive Route 26,

I have to look at those 253-foot tall wind towers with their 146-foot blades. If the power was going locally, I might get a warm and cozy feeling about them. Instead, I feel exploited knowing that we have to look at these towers on our mountains while the power goes somewhere else. My thought is that if wind power is desired, then those towers belong in your back yard.

Oh, and before I climb off that soapbox, wind power is a regional issue not a single-town issue. We all have to look at them.

Get ready for St. Patty's Day and help our fire department. The Greenwood Fire Department Auxiliary is selling tickets for the chance to win a big Irish food basket. It has corned beef and all the trimmings, Irish coffee, and much more. Tickets are available at the town office or from an Auxiliary member for a dollar each or six for \$5. The drawing will be March 15. OK, all you Irish Neighborhood folks, here is your chance to shine!

Another benefit that is food-based is for the Bethel Area District Exchange and Food Pantry. A series of Lenten lunches will be held at

the Bethel Congregational

Church and proceeds/donations will go to the Food Pantry which helps people in crisis. The dates are March 9, 16, 23, and 30 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Congo Church. Good food and a chance to help other people who are having a hard time.

You can send me news at 3taichi6@gmail.com

### Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



Weeks went by and all the news people often talked of

was a "snow drought." Now with spring upon the door-

step, things have changed.

Last week's storms left quite a mess. About 10 inches of new snow came Thursday and slowed traffic. Schools were closed. Snowplows zipped around in time for the next storm on Saturday that was wet and heavy but only about three inches. So, we had some winter weather after all. Snow machine enthusiasts say trail riding is great now.

There are reports of a large contingent of wild turkeys roaming the area. It is always fun to watch them out in search of food. There are very few reports of other wildlife but coyotes have been heard howling in the evenings.

Some local area folks who

enjoyed helping April

Paine celebrate her birthday on the 20th of February at the home of her parents, Gordon and Celia Paine, and it gave us a chance to meet April's sisters, daughters, nephews and niece. It was a very enjoyable evening; we truly had a good visit with all.

Get well wishes to all who

are not feeling up to par these

days and fighting off these

awful colds and viruses.

Celebrating birthdays in

March are: Joan Canulli, Gloria Batchelder, Natasha Hodson, Meagan Hodson, Eric Stoddard, Pat Plante, Jim Miclon, Mark Thurlow, Jes-



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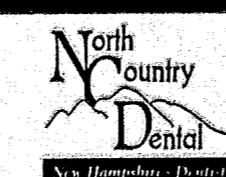
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sie Hart, Alan B. Coffin, Jim Palmer, Laurene Moore, Janie Walker, Mary Ellen Andrews, and Martha DeCoteau Railton.

Several Down East Country Music Association competitors will be traveling to Pigeon Forge, Tenn., for National competitions for 10 days, I will post the winners when they get home.

Anniversary wishes are going out to Roger and Marie Wilday, Jim and Donna Palmer, Phelps and Joan Poland.

Well, dear readers that's all from the valley this week. Stay well and enjoy each day.

Quote of the week "I am never afraid to fail, because something good always comes out of failure."

### Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



As expected, March did come in like a lion and continues to do so. They say it will be in the 50s on Thursday. We shall see. The snow was followed by ice/sleet and then rain before going back to snow. Enough already. Ice and freezing rain interferes with my mobility. Once again our muddy road is ice with dabs of snow. Mud is better than ice. Messy but easier to walk on.

Working on Sunday, I actually got a sunburn. The sun was only shining for a short while, but it was there, nonetheless. Except when the wind blew toward the end of day, it was actually quite pleasant with a hint of spring among the snow and ice. Perhaps with the time change next weekend, spring will be around the corner.

Thursday, the 8th ACA will meet at Waterford Library. We missed last week due to the storm. FMI please call 739-9115.

Also on Thursday at 7 p.m. the movie "Salt of the Earth" will be shown at Fare Share Commons on Main Street in Norway. There will be refreshments and a discussion after. FMI please call 743-2183.

Sunday, the 11th 3-5 p.m. Alan Day Community Garden will meet at Fare Share Commons and will have a seed order for those interested. FMI call 743-2423.

Sunday, immediately following the Garden Meeting, Proceeds go to the club's scholarships.

Mountain Poets will meet from 5-7 p.m. at the Fare Share Commons. FMI please call 743-9808 or 739-9115.

All poets and poetry lovers are welcome.

The following Sunday, March 18 from 7:30 to 11 a.m. Rotary will hold their All You Can Eat Buffet Breakfast at Ordway Hall at Gould Academy.

That is all for this week. I have to try and send this differently. Have a good week and stay warm.

#### Last week's column:

That was quite the storm we had last weekend. I know that I complain about the roads, frequently, but I must say that last Saturday after the storm the road crews did a great job. Hunt's Corner Road was good in Waterford, and both ends of Albany. It was plowed and sanded well.

Bethel, too, was well done. Thanks guys! Our road, being dirt was not well done for two reasons, it was soft and muddy before the storm and could not be plowed too low without taking the road with it, and Al's plow truck broke the clutch went. Isn't that always the case!

Now that we had our storm, seven and a half inches or so, it's okay to say goodbye to winter and start our seeds for planting. I just need to remember soil for planting. That is my next project.

This Sunday I attended the Democratic Caucus in Waterford. It was short but we accomplished all that was needed. We made our residential preferences known and elected our town and county committee members.

We also elected delegates to State Convention.

All that and it was still daylight when I got home. That was a good day!

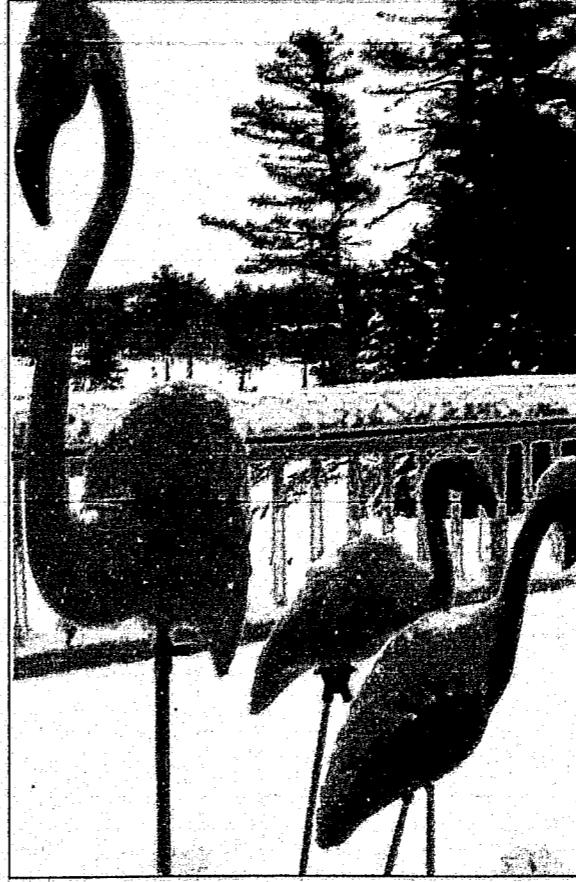
Reiki Self Care will be taught at Stephens Memorial Learning Resource Center on Thursday, March 15 from 5 to 6 p.m. The program will be at the Harper Conference Center in the Ripley Building. FMI: call 744-6196.

March 18 the Bethel Rotary will have an All You Can Eat Breakfast at Gould Academy in Ordway Dining Center. It is from 7:30 to 11 a.m.

Cost is \$8 for adults and \$3 for under 12. Advance tickets are \$7; see a Rotary member or go to River View Resort, Rostay Inn or Dream Realty and Mt. Mann Jewelers.

Proceeds go to the club's scholarships.

These flamingos in Greenwood were among the birds who may have returned too soon for spring last week. But this week may be a bit friendlier to them. (Submitted photo)



### Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizen meeting for March was canceled because of the weather. Next meeting will be April 5 with the Daughters of Union Veterans putting on the dinner.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, morning worship at 10:30, evening services at 6, prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 6:30. On March 10 the ladies will travel to Portland to the Flower Show. On March 25 at 4 p.m. there will be a special service at the Church Hill Baptist Church in Augusta. No service at the Bryant Pond Baptist Church that evening. The van leaves at 2:15 from the church. The Ladies Conference is in Londonderry, N.H., at Victory Baptist Church on April 13 and 14. See Paula Jones if interested in going. Revival services with Dr.

Ron Caudill will be on April 22 through 25.

Judith Grover tent 17 DUV-CW will meet on Monday, March 12, at the home of Alice Hoyt for a regular meeting.

There will be no program at Whitman Memorial Library this month. They encourage you to attend the West Paris Library program on March 8. It is on folk art paper cutting, making cards with birds, flowers, etc. The cost is \$3, starts at 2 p.m. Bring manicure scissors if you have them.

### Greenwood City

By MINDY SWEETSER



Hello March! So this is what winter is supposed to look like in Maine. I was starting to think we were not going to receive any significant snowfall. So March storms in like a lion and the forecast says by the end of this week it will be as warm as the fleece on a lamb.

One thing with this peculiar winter it has taken a toll on the secondary roads; there are an abundant number of gigantic potholes.

My kids are loving the sport of playing in the snow. The anticipation built up for so long awaiting a nice blanket of fresh snow to romp and play in there is endless fun to have. Taking a glance of my past week:

I was a bit reserved and took advantage of some well-needed socialization amongst my friends and relatives. Together through the strength of communication we helped each other deal and cope with life. It's a great way to open your heart and express your feelings and sort out ways to regain strength to set forth a proper path to the future as well as live for the now. I enjoy my family life with my children and my husband, but it's also great to have important friends to share life problems with and be there for one another in such hardships. I do have a great deal of responsibility raising five kids; so every now and then it's nice to step away and focus on myself. I want to thank my family and friends who have been there for me and help me every day and keep me going.

Last week we had the last calf born. It's another bull, so we have a nicely matched pair of bulls that if all works out my sons will be yoking up and showing one day.

Saturday, we had a grand time at Krista's birthday party. We played girly games and swam in the outside pool at Sunday River, which was a blast! We went and watched a Zoo show with real animals and we had the honor of touching all the wildlife from Arctic foxes to alligators to armadillos. The kids had a blast!

Our stray cat is definitely on her last few days of pregnancy. She is quite enlarged and uncomfortable so will be expecting some extra little ones arriving any time now. They should be nicely marked since she is a Bengal and so is the sire. The twins twisted my arm

The sub-committee for monument design met at the Pleasant River Motel, West Bethel, the evening of Feb. 22. Post 81 commander Bob McCartney hosted with chief designer Jim Sysko, monument stone consultant Don Feeney, secretary Nesta Littlefield, Dan Whitman and Rich Grover in attendance.

The purpose was to finalize the design, pending approval by Post 81 Legionnaires, the Bethel Planning Board and the June town meeting.

The design calls for the American flag as the focal point surrounded by six large granite stones containing the names of Bethel area veterans who have honorably served in the active duty military services from the time of the American Revolution to the present war in Afghanistan. The base of the flag pole is framed by six large stones forming a hexagon, with the name of

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one of the services on each face of the hexagon; a "contemplation" bench will sit in the "plaza" opposite each face of the hexagon with one of the large "name" stones just outside each bench. We envision the "plaza" and the walkways covered with paving stones which we hope to sell to donors, with each stone dedicated to honor a veteran chosen by the donor. Paving stone veterans need not be from Bethel. Committee efforts will now focus on obtaining cost estimates, both for the materials and site foundation and preparation work. Once approvals and estimates are obtained, fundraising will begin in earnest.

## BHS website features Civil War info

In honor of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War, the Bethel Historical Society is participating in a statewide project entitled "The Maine Civil War Trail." More than two dozen museums and historical organizations around the state are contributing to this venture, which, in 2013, will culminate in a series of unique exhibits developed by participants. Preparatory to the opening of such a display in Bethel, the Bethel Historical Society is working to provide its members and the general public with both general background and specific research information about this conflict. To this end, the society has posted on its website several feature articles that have appeared in the past in its history journal, *The Courier*. Among these are "Life on the Home Front: Bethel during the Civil War"; "Bethel's Civil War Soldier's Monument: Dedicated 100 Years Ago"; "General Oliver Otis Howard Speaks at Bethel"; and "Bethel in the War of the Rebellion." The latter article by Dr. William Berry Lapham contains an extensive and detailed list of



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## Bethel Rotary Club news



Silveira-Galban chosen for GSE team

"I'm proud to be an American" said Maria Silveira-Galban in a recent interview. "The U.S. embraces me and I embrace the U.S." Maria, who became a U.S. citizen in 2009, has been sponsored by the Bethel Rotary Club and selected by District 7780 to be on the 2011-2012 Group Study Exchange program to Hamburg, Germany.

Group Study Exchange is a Rotary Foundation program designed to promote peace and understanding by giving young professionals the chance to spend a month in another country experiencing the culture, learning how their profession is performed in another place and living with Rotarians.

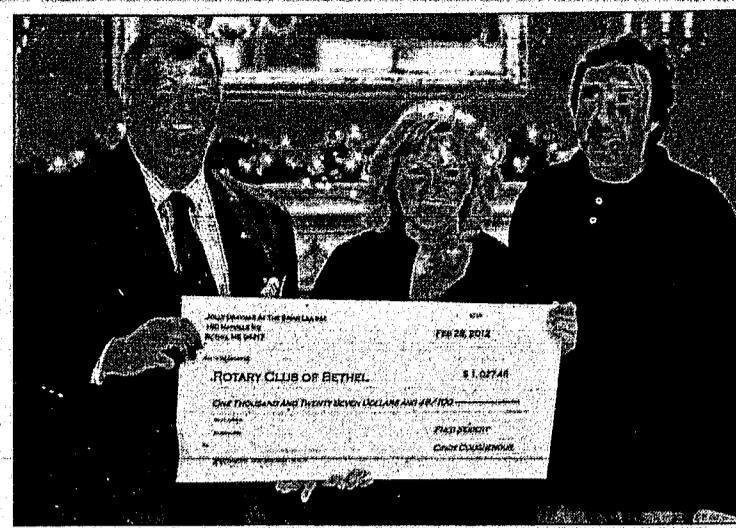
Maria, who is now the interactive Marketing Manager for Sunday River Ski Resort, was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. At the age of 18 she became a nun but after 9 years left the convent to start a new life. She came to the United States to work at Sunday River Ski Resort as an international and there met her future husband, Jay Boschetto of Steam Mill Antiques. She graduated from college with a technological degree which led to her profession today where she does online marketing, designs and develops websites and is involved in E-commerce and social media for Sunday River Ski Resort.

The first thing you notice about Maria is her terrific sense of humor. The second thing is her ability to embrace each new person she meets. She loves her change of lifestyle from the city to the Bethel countryside, from the convent to the technological world. She also speaks several languages, German being one of them. As a GSE team member one of the many experiences she looks forward to is meeting and interacting with people in her profession who live in another country. Because she is the only one in her field at Sunday River Ski Resort, this experience gives her the opportunity to communicate with others in her profession in the same technical language.

The team leaves at the end of May for Hamburg. Rotarian Lawrence Furbish from the Rotary Club of Sanford-Springvale is the team leader. Other members are Arthur Adams, who works as a tax preparer in Fryeburg, Mylan Johnston, an investment consultant and special education teacher in Newburyport and Ashley Randall who works in the Bank of Maine in York.

Maria is Bethel's first representative on a Rotary GSE Team since Steve Wight was team leader for the GSE Team to Australia.

Maria, who says she loves what she does, will certainly contribute a great deal to the team through her enthusiastic spirit.



Telstar Middle School Literacy Project

When approached by the Bethel Rotary Club to partner with them in funding a Telstar Middle School literacy project, the owners of the Jolly Drayman at the Briar Lea Inn did not hesitate. Cindy Coughenour and Fred Seibert presented Rotarians and SAD 44 Supt. David Murphy with a check for \$1,027.48 (above).

Contributions received from the Jolly Drayman's Wednesday night "Trivial Pursuit" game were used to fund this middle school project.

These donations purchased 30 copies of the book "A Wilderness Ranger's Journal - Rendezvous at Devil's Elbow" by Tim Caverly. Ten copies of the book were also gifted by the Bethel Rotary Club. In addition, because of the Jolly Drayman gift the author's interactive power point presentation including music and scenic and historic photos will be presented to several 7th and 8th grade classes. Also a small writer's workshop, for skilled and interested 8th graders will be conducted by Mr. Caverly.

Lindsay Luetje, language arts teacher at TMS writes, "being able to meet with the author, hear him speak firsthand about his experiences (both on the Allagash and as a writer) will have a great positive impact on our students. Two years ago Telstar purchased 20 copies of Caverly's "An Allagash Haunting". Ms. Luetje read the book with her 8th graders. They loved it! The book was moved to the 7th grade curriculum to align with the social studies teachers' efforts in teaching Maine History/Studies. The book was a huge success. Ms. Luetje commented that this time she tied in more research and critical reading." She continued, "it's not often that our students get to meet people who write books they read. It gives them a chance to apply their learning in an authentic way."

The language arts faculty will sponsor a placemat competition that reflects the students learning about different places in Maine after reading "An Allagash Haunting." The placemats will be judged by the Jolly Drayman owners, SAD 44 School Board members and Rotarians. The winning entry will be framed and prominently displayed at the Jolly Drayman.

Tim Caverly served as Supervisor of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway for 18 years. He is a Maine author and outdoor enthusiast who has written several popular children's books including "Allagash Tails" and "An Allagash Haunting."



ROTARIANS SPLIT WOOD FOR THE NEEDY to celebrate President's Day. From left: Mark Savage, Scott Hynek, Jim Mann, Dave Freiday and Steve Wight. (Photos: J. Arizz)

Adam Mahar spoke at a recent Bethel Rotary Club meeting about his experiences as a RYLA counselor at Camp Hinds in Raymond this past June. Also shown is Adam's sister, Amy Jane Mahar, receiving a scholarship from the Bethel Club. Amy Jane is attending the University of California at Santa Barbara. They are shown here with Rotary President Ellie Andrews and Kevin Finley, chairman, Club Scholarship Committee.

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## SR Prime Time Ski Club

Seems Mother Nature has finally found us all up here in the mountains. Just when we thought she'd completely given up on us she drops two nice big snowstorms and even a frosting of three more inches over the weekend. Now we're talking great skiing for all. Sunday River is in the best shape of the year and with the warmer temps, this is the time to get out and enjoy it.

Primetime has been busy. Everyone's getting a little time pressured and wants to make every ski day count. Additionally, we've had events galore including a wine tasting cocktail party and a snow coach trip to Mt. Washington. Scott Andrews from the Ski Museum of Maine came to visit and ski with us while doing an article on Primetime. Sunday River's Marketing heads also came up to "our playground" and

skied with us as well. Next week brings a scheduled trip to Wildcat for what we hope will be beautiful views of Tuckerman's.

Primetime hit a milestone of sorts by signing up our 130th member last week. While certainly not a requirement of membership, we have noticed many of our newest members are higher level (black or double) skiers. The majority of Primetimeers still fall into a blue to single black skiing ability; however we have many who enjoy taking it easy on greens too. The good thing about skiing weekdays is that we pretty much pick and choose the best trails for what we feel like that day.

The Primetime Ski Club is an independent ski and social club welcoming anyone 50 and over. They meet weekdays at 10 a.m. at Sunday River's North Peak Lodge to form daily ski groups based on ability, terrain, and social aspects. Info at [www.primetimeskiclub.com](http://www.primetimeskiclub.com).



### SPECIAL OLYMPICS COMPETITOR

Shawn Crockett of Bethel and the team from Creative Trails went to Sugarloaf USA recently to compete in the Special Olympics Winter Games. Shawn and his teammates competed in Nordic and Alpine events. Shawn received a silver medal for coming in second in the giant slalom, and a gold medal in the slalom for coming in first. He also competed in the Super G and came in fourth to receive a ribbon. The whole team brought home the Brian T. McGovern trophy for their enthusiasm, positive attitudes, teamwork, and respect for Sugarloaf, their employees and their grounds. Shawn is the son of David and JoAnn Crockett of Bethel, and the grandson of Ken and Alice Hoyt of Bryant Pond and Lola and Clayton Crockett of Bethel. A party was given for Shawn Feb. 19 at his parents' home. Those who attended were David, JoAnn, and Ray Crockett, Ken and Alice Hoyt, Beth, Steve and Marybeth Hoover, Jim Hoyt, Bob Hoyt and Lisa Petrucci, Lola and Clayton Crockett, Cindy Campbell, Grayson Wakefield, and Bernie and Gloria Rice.

## Community Calendar

**Clothing Exchange**, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090.

**Food Pantry**, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0349).

### Wednesdays thru March 21

9 to 10 a.m. - **Stretch, Strength, and Balance** at Personal Best Health Club, 141 Western Avenue, South Paris. Cost: \$40/person, scholarships available. Registration required. FMI/register: (866) 609-5183.

### Wednesdays thru April 4

4 to 6 p.m. - **School Gardening 101, A Garden Primer**, sponsored by UMaine Cooperative Extension at Mountain Valley High School in Rumford. No charge. Pre-registration required: call Extension office (743-6329) or e-mail Lesley Quick at [lesley.quick@maine.edu](mailto:lesley.quick@maine.edu)

### Thursdays thru April 19

6 p.m. - **Potluck Supper**, Wilkins Community House, Plummer Hill Road, Waterford.

### Thursday, March 8

12 to 4 p.m. - **Master Folk Art Class**, West Paris Library, 266 Main Street. Learn paper cutting technique named scherenschnitte to make greeting cards. FMI/register: 674-2004. Bring small manicure scissors (if have them); other materials/tools provided. Fee: \$3.

15 p.m. - **Kingdom Trails Association** presentation, hosted by Bethel Conservation Commission at Bethel Town Office. FMI: e-mail [rivendel@megalink.net](mailto:rivendel@megalink.net).

15:30 to 7:30 p.m. - **Photoshop Class** at WREN, 52 Main Street, Berlin, N.H. Pre-registration/pre-payment required. Cost: WREN member \$15, non-member \$20. FMI/register: [www.wrencommunity.org](http://www.wrencommunity.org) or (603) 869-9736.

### Friday, March 9

6 p.m. - **Alder River Grange Potluck Supper/meeting** at Stan Howe's house Broad Street, Bethel.

### March 9, 16, 23, 30

Noon to 1 p.m. - **Community Lenten Lunch Series**, West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. All invited. Soup lunch will be followed by time of reflection. Theme: "Songs of Faith." In lieu of payment for lunch, participants asked to make donation to the Bethel Food Pantry. For further information call church office, 824-2689 or Rev. Ginger Rickeman, 824-0550.

### Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10

**Open House at West Paris Library**, March 9, 4 to 6 p.m. and March 10, 10 a.m. to Noon. Find out about the Library's new services and meet the volunteers. Light refreshments. FMI: 674-2004 or e-mail [Librarian@westparislibrary.org](mailto:Librarian@westparislibrary.org)

### Friday thru Sunday, March 9-11

**TD Bank J2 Nordic Ski Championships**, Black Mountain of Maine, Rumford. FMI: check [www.chisholmskiclub.org/j2-championship](http://www.chisholmskiclub.org/j2-championship).

### Saturday, March 10

9 a.m. - **Public Hearing** at Andover Town Hall regarding March 17 town meeting warrant article: "To see if the town will vote to authorize the board of selectmen to negotiate and enter into an agreement with SAD 44/RSU44 school system to continue operation of the Andover Elementary School for the 2012-2013 school year on such terms and conditions the board may deem in the best interest of the Town of Andover. The

agreement is not to exceed a total cost to the town of \$68,000 dollars."

7 to 10 p.m. - **Swingin' Bears Square Dance Club March Dance**, Oxford Hills Middle School, 100 Pine Street, South Paris. Refreshments, door prizes and Pot O' Gold drawing. Admission: \$6/non-dancers free. FMI: [www.squaredanceme.us/](http://www.squaredanceme.us/) or call Eleanor Herrick 782-4050.

### Saturdays, March 10, April 14

**Inside Yard Sales**, South Paris American Legion Post 72. To reserve a table call Jean Britton at 739-2236.

### Sunday, March 11

1 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. - **Wild Encounters Day** at gymnasium, Gorham, N.H., Middle School, 120 Main Street, hosted by Squam Lake Natural Science Center. Peregrine falcon, beaver, wood turtle, red-tailed hawk, etc. Free. Open to public. FMI: (603) 968-7194 or visit [www.nhnature.org](http://www.nhnature.org).

3 to 5 p.m. - **Alan Day Community Garden** kicks off fourth season with community meeting 2012 and Bulk Seed Order at Fare Share Commons, Norway. FMI/rent a row: 743-9808.

5 to 7 p.m. - **Mountain Poets** meeting at Fare Share Commons, Norway. FMI: 743-9808 or 739-9115. All poets and poetry lovers welcome.

### Tuesday, March 13

5:30 p.m. - **Mundt-Allen Post 81 Supper/meeting**, Oyster stew (made by Brian Strickland) and side dishes.

6 p.m. - **Public Hearing** at Woodstock Town Office on proposed ordinances for March 26 town meeting.

### Wednesday, March 14

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** potluck dinner/meeting at Bethel Methodist Church. Members to bring dish to share. Donation: \$3. An auction will be held for which members will bring items.

6 p.m. - **SAD 44 School District Administration** meeting with players, parents, and fans to plan promotional activities for 2012 Girls' Varsity Soccer season. Discussion includes feeder programs, etc. All soccer friends welcome. FMI: 824-0547.

### Thursday, March 15

12 to 4 p.m. - **Training for New Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice Home** - Visiting, Grocery Shopping, Transportation will be held at Maine Veterans' Home, 477 High Street, South Paris. Pre-registration required. FMI/registration: 795-9400 or (800) 482-7412 Ext. 1280.

5 to 6:30 p.m. - **Learning About Reiki and Self-Care** at Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building (193 Main Street) Norway. Learn relaxing and balancing practice of Reiki. Free. Registration required. FMI/registration: 744-6196.

5 to 7 p.m. - **Mahoosuc Arts Council hosts Business After Hours** with Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy. Live music on stage, theater tours of the auditorium, refreshments, ART'Irondack Chair previews and Mountain Arts Guide Ad Contest: "So you think you know the arts in Western Maine?" FMI: 824-3575, [www.mahoosuc.org](http://www.mahoosuc.org) or [info@mahoosucarts.org](mailto:info@mahoosucarts.org)

7 p.m. - **SWOAM meeting**, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Focus: landowner issues with hunters, ATVs and snowmobiles and possible solutions. Free and open to public. FMI: Merk (627-4102).

### Friday, March 16

5 p.m. - **Friday Fish Fry** at Holy Savior (St. A & St. J) Parish Hall, 126 Maine Avenue, Rumford. Cost: Adults \$9/kids under 10 \$6/3 and under free. Takeout available. Advance tickets: Holy Savior School, Hair Design, Dupuis Auto and Oxford Lanes. FMI: 364-2528.

6 p.m. - **St. Kieran Arts Center St. Patrick's Day Dinner**

## REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### Municipal

**Bethel Selectmen**: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

**Bethel Planning Board**: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

**Bethel Water District**: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

**Gilead Selectmen**: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office.

**Gilead Planning Board**: First Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

**Greenwood Selectmen**: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

**Hanover Selectmen**: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

**Hanover Planning Board**: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

**Newry Selectmen**: First and third Mondays of the month, 5:30 p.m., Town Office.

**Newry Planning Board**: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

**Woodstock Selectmen**: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

**Woodstock Planning Board**: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

**SAD 44 School Board**: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

### Organizations

#### Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m. - **Bethel Snow Twisters** at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Meditation and more with Mountain Heart Sangha, mindfulness community practicing awareness, understanding, acceptance, harmony and love in tradition of Zen Buddhist Teacher Thich Nhat Hanh at Cafe DiCocca. FMI: Cynthia Handlen 671-1532 or [Cynthia.handlen@gmail.com](mailto:Cynthia.handlen@gmail.com). All welcome.

Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - **TOPS** at Bethel Alliance Church (weigh-in 5:30-6).

Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15 p.m. - **CosmoSis Hoops** offers a free hoops class for fitness and fun in the Crescent Park Elementary School gym. The class is for adults, but children are welcome.

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m. - **Story Time** for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with Lisa Fox. FMI: call 824-2520.

Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail [PatMcCartney@p\\_quilts@yahoo.com](mailto:PatMcCartney@p_quilts@yahoo.com) or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. - **Guided One-Hour Walking Tour of Historic Bethel Hill**. Meet at bell tower on north end of common. Free but donations accepted. FMI: 824-2908.

**Woodstock**

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - **Woodstock Historical Society** meeting at the Museum.

#### Norway/Paris

Mondays, 6:30 p.m. - **Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway. New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005.

Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. - **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices in the Commons Room of the Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

Fridays 9:15 a.m. - **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge**, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: [buzz116@myfairpoint.net](mailto:buzz116@myfairpoint.net).

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# Your Guide to Area Services

This is a black and white classified advertisement page from the Bethel Citizen. The page is filled with numerous small ads for local businesses, each with a unique layout and design. The ads are organized into various categories such as ART, COPY, FLOORING, KITCHEN COUNTERTOPS, PROPERTY CARE, TV SALES, AUTO REPAIR, EXCAVATION, CARPENTRY, CARPENTRY, FINANCIAL SERVICES, FORESTRY, GIFT BASKETS, FIREWOOD, GRAIN & FARM SUPPLY, HEALTHCARE, HEATING, MOORE FIREWOOD, PICTURE FRAMING, POOLS & SPAS, CONSTRUCTION, and more. Each ad includes a brief description of the service, contact information, and sometimes a small illustration or logo. The overall layout is dense and packed with information, typical of a local classified section.

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# REAL ESTATE CONNECTION

## Recent area real estate transactions

### ANDOVER

Jodi S. Howard to Peter M. and Keiko Howard of Arlington, Mass., building and land at 469 Sunday River Road. \$22,000, Sept. 23, 2011.

### BETHEL

Blue Sky Storage to Randall Kissel and Megan Ballard, unspecified commercial, 1.38 acres (map 8, lot 23, \$45,000).

Susan Harvey to Peter Hedden and Tracy Wilkerson of Bethel, land and building at 402 Flat Road. \$285,000, Nov. 4, 2011.

Norway Savings Bank to Philip Dougherty of Bethel, unspecified at 347 West Bethel Road. \$50,000, Nov. 4, 2011.

Farwell Mountain Estates to Millard Rose and Elizabeth Lacey, land (lot 9 Farwell Mountain Estates). \$40,000, Nov. 4, 2011.

Albert (Jr.) and Theresa Blackadar of Medford, unspecified (Map 11, lot 42), \$190,000, Nov. 9, 2011.

Stephanie Capps and Melissa Hawkins to Mark and Sara Oliver of Yarmouth, unspecified (map 1, block 51-2, lot 2), \$65,000, Nov. 10, 2012.

Mark Ivanov and Maria Vicens Ivanov, unspecified, at 203 Walkers Mills Road. \$260,000, Nov. 11, 2011.

Spencer Ordway and Jennifer Landry to Benjamin and Kristen Otten of Bethel, land and building at 98 Paradise Road. \$230,000, Nov. 18, 2011.

William and Maureen Boland to Robert Currier of Bethel, land (lots 11 and 18, Sunday Valley Acres) \$66,000, Nov. 23, 2011.

Sally Bradley and Martha Farrington to Chad Fouke and Lesley Harte, land and building at 382 West Bethel Road. \$105,000, Nov. 23, 2011.

Michael and Julie Drapeau to David Lee and Thomas Bringola of Bethel, unspecified (map 12, lot 073, sub lot 31). \$335,000, Dec. 2, 2011.

Estate of Danny Kennagh to Russell and Brandon Palmer of Lexington, Ky., land and building at 202 Intervale Road. \$39,000, Dec. 6, 2011.

Andrea L. Hellman Trust to Nathan Crooker of South Portland, land and building at 837 North Road. \$145,000, Dec. 16, 2011.

Dale Cheney to Kyle Snogren and Botsas Chrysovalantou of Bethel, land and building at 24 Chapman Street. \$200,600, Dec. 13, 2011.

Jason Forget to David and Eileen Dworz of Marblehead, Mass., land and building at 40-1 River Valley Acres Road. \$311,000 Dec. 21, 2011.

David North to Christopher Ball of North Yarmouth, land and building at 5 Locke View Drive. \$295,000, Dec. 23, 2011.

### GREENWOOD

Anthony and Heather Cox to Kenneth and Carla DeDominici of Bridgewater, Mass., land and building at 45 Cross Road. \$20,000, Dec. 13, 2011.

William Newcome and Shirley Huff to Lawrence Stifler and Mary McFadden of Brookline, Mass., land at 10 Newcome Lane. \$165,000, Dec. 27, 2011.

Now Forestry to T.R. Dillon Logging, Inc of Madison land

(map R7, lots 7,8,9; map R6, lot 9). \$605,000, Dec. 29, 2011.

Penley Timberlands to Lawrence Stifler and Mary McFadden of Brookline, Mass., land on Willis Mills Road and map 8, lot 40 and map 9, lots 7 and 9. \$1,100,000, Dec. 29, 2011.

### NEWRY

Mark and Jennifer Strickland to Dennis and Jode-Marie McCarthy of Saco, property at The Chamberlain. \$37,000, Sept. 29, 2011.

Sandra S. and David M. Summerson to Denise and Scott Robinson of Corning, N.Y., property at Fall Line Condominium. \$124,000, Dec. 1, 2011.

David A. and Debra A. Martin to John J. and Diane C. Dostal of Saco, timeshare at 97 Summit Drive. \$11,000, Dec. 5, 2011.

Douglas P. Jr. and Sandra M. Webb to Paul J. and Jennifer V. Young of Exeter, N.H., timeshare at the Summit. \$10,000, Dec. 5, 2011.

Craig and Kleta Dudley to Russell R. and Lynne F. Barlow of Turner, condominium at 8 Sunrise Drive. \$120,000, Dec. 6, 2011.

Teri Lee Stevens and Margaret A. Hutchings to Julie M. Campbell of Saco, condominium at 97 Summit Drive. \$5,000, Dec. 12, 2011.

Tempest Development LLC to Louisa Greene Revocable Trust of Marblehead, Mass., property at 10 Parrot Drive. \$675,000, Dec. 14, 2011.

Anthony and Alison Burnside to Michael Zaleski and Joy Rende of Jackson, N.J., timeshare at 97 Summit Drive. \$16,000, Dec. 16, 2011.

Gordon T. and Katherine M. Holmes to Debra J. Grondin of Poland, property at 16 Roadrunner Drive. \$92,500, Dec. 20, 2011.

Keybank National Association to John M. and Donna Miller of Ashland, Mass., property at The Jordan Grand. \$8,925, Dec. 27, 2011.

### WOODSTOCK

Town of Woodstock to Integrity Holdings of Bryant Pond, unspecified at 8 Railroad Street. \$28,501, Nov. 1, 2011.

Chynthia and Phyllis Winfield to Warren Hillquist of Brattleboro, Vt., unspecified (map 12, block 32, lot 32). \$58,000, Nov. 8, 2011.

Brad Kowalski and John Weber to Peter and Carrie Nicholson of Plymouth, Mass. Land, 1.20 acres, at 14 Mountain View Road. \$30,000, Nov. 14, 2011.

Richard and Linda Champlin to Stacey A. Silvia of Berkley, Mass., land and building at 83 Rocky Road. \$200,000, Nov. 17, 2011.

Wesley and Carolyn Mills to Richard S. Kenny Living Trust and Jamie B. Hylton Living Trust of Scarborough, unspecified (map 7, lot 70-1). \$272,500, Dec. 6, 2011.

Leon and Lloyd Poland to Geary and Linda Chase of Exeter, N.H., land (Perkins Valley Road, lot 2). \$20,000, Dec. 16, 2011.

Daniel Quigley to Julie Verost and Scott Hershowitz, land (4.15 acres at 147 Gore Road). \$27,000, Dec. 23, 2011.

Eric Stoddard to Robyn Hamilton of Woodstock, unspecified at 42 Perkins Valley Road. \$57,000, Dec. 27, 2011.

**About the listings**  
The information above has been compiled from the latest public records in the individual town offices. The transaction prices are sent to the town by the Maine Revenue Service and may not arrive for several weeks after the purchase closing dates.

### SIMPLE STEPS TO HOME SAFETY

(Family Features) If home fires, break-ins or weather-related disasters have you worried, here are some simple steps you can take to make your home a safer place.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), a working smoke alarm significantly increases your chances of surviving a home fire. Make sure you have smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, including the basement. Replace your batteries regularly. A two-pack of Energizer 9V batteries at RadioShack is a small investment to keep your family safe.

Protect yourself and your family from burglary through the use of deadbolts on doors and locks on windows. Installing motion-sensor lights on walkways or driveways can potentially deter a thief. Many home security kits are available in a "do it yourself" complete package, allowing you to customize sirens, entry points and more. A kit like this from RadioShack features five different door sensors and one wireless motion sensor.

According to FEMA, a weather radio with NOAA technology allows as much as eight minutes lead time before public alarms sound to move family and pets to a safe room or secure location. Make sure you have a weather safety kit that contains a flashlight, portable power for your electronics, an emergency radio, walkie talkies, bottled water and dry goods. Additional alkaline batteries are always good to have on hand in case of emergency.

FMI on home safety products and other options to keep your family safe, visit [www.radioshack.com](http://www.radioshack.com).

### How to turn must-do home improvements into things of beauty

(ARA) - When it comes to home improvement, you can spend money in two basic ways: on things that make your home look better and things that make it function better. Under the first category, you'll find all the things you want to do, like replacing narrow casement windows with a lovely bay window. Under the second, falls all the things you must do, like replacing those drafty windows with something more energy-efficient.

When "want to" and "have to" meet, they create the opportunity to make a smart buying decision - and choose an upgrade that will look good and improve the livability of your home. The key to making smart home improvement decisions is to recognize these opportunities and take full advantage of them.

Here are a few "have to" improvements that have the potential to turn into a good-looking, energy-efficient, enjoyment-enhancing "want to."

#### Replacing the hot water heater.

You probably don't care what a new hot water heater looks like sitting in your garage or basement - or wherever it resides in your home. But the right replacement water heater can help your house achieve a lovely shade of green. High energy-efficiency water heaters can help reduce energy usage, thereby trimming your energy bills and your home's environmental impact. Solar water heating systems take the beauty a step further by using the power of the sun, collected through low-profile solar panels on the roof, to heat water - at a monthly savings that's about 80 percent less than the cost of traditional heaters.

#### Getting some light in here.

Do you really need a bunch of scientific studies to tell you that a home filled with natural light just feels better? Probably not. Illuminating your home with natural light is a smart buying decision on multiple levels. First, you don't pay to power the sun. Second, natural light delivers a host of mood-enhancing benefits. If you have the wall space, by all means add some windows.

But for rooms where a window is impossible (like a powder room) or where you don't want to sacrifice privacy (like a master bathroom) a tubular skylight is a good alternative. Some, like Velux's Sun Tunnel products, are easy enough to install that a seasoned do-it-yourselfer could accomplish the task. They cost less than traditional skylights and bring natural light to hard-to-light areas like closets, hallways and other small spaces.

#### Getting some air in here.

Just as natural sun is good for your mood, ventilation can be good for your health. An Energy Star qualified venting skylight is a great way to passively vent stale, moist air from inside your home, especially from baths and kitchens. While some skylights are "fixed," those that do open can be controlled by a remote to open when you want fresh air and close when you want to retain warmth. They can also close automatically in case of rain. In addition, they introduce free light into your home. Adding blinds - also remote-controlled - can help you better control the amount of sun a skylight admits into your home. And blinds are not just functional - you can get them in colors and patterns to complement your decor while increasing energy efficiency. Compared to other venting solutions, a skylight is a relatively low-cost, great-looking way to address ventilation issues while adding drama to a space. Log on to [www.veluxusa.com](http://www.veluxusa.com) to learn more about skylights.

#### When one door opens ...

Beat up, weathered garage and front doors not only look bad, they can be a source of air leaks that make your heating, ventilation and cooling system work harder. Exterior doors aren't something you buy every day, but they can have a big impact on how your home looks and on its energy efficiency. They can definitely be a smart buying decision if you opt for doors that not only look good, but are also highly rated for energy efficiency. If you're not sure how to choose, look online, where you'll find guides for buying garage doors and front doors.

### Small, quick repairs have a big impact on your home's curb appeal - and value

(ARA) - As the weather continues to warm, you might be thinking about some of the home improvement projects you put on the back burner during the winter. Where does a smart homeowner start? The answer: Begin with a few small projects that are guaranteed to greatly enhance your home's curb appeal.

Start with the driveway. Repaving or reconstructing your driveway entirely can be a time consuming and expensive task, but for most homeowners, this can be avoided with some annual maintenance. If you neglect your driveway, cracks can quickly grow into potholes, which can cause it to lose its aesthetic appeal and pose a safety concern. A few hours work each year can greatly extend the life of your driveway.

Using a product like U.S. Cold Patch both on my driveway at home and out on the job," says Chad Patrick, owner of Patrick Landscapes in Pennsylvania. "The ease of use, lack of foul odor, and non-gooey application make it the logical choice for all of our blacktop repair projects."

Using a product like U.S. Cold Patch is simple: You just sweep the area, pour in the patching mixture and roll over it with a car tire. However, it is important that you completely fill



the affected area and tamp it well to prevent future damage during freezing and thawing. More information on repairing cracks and potholes can be found at [www.uscoldpatch.com](http://www.uscoldpatch.com).

In addition to maintaining your driveway, here are a few other projects that can greatly contribute to your home's curb appeal:

\* Add some landscaping features along the edges of your driveway. This adds a point of distinction between the pavement and your lawn, giving it a more inviting look.

\* Check your mailbox

for winter wear. If it's seen better days, consider replacing it. Otherwise landscaping around your mailbox can add extra appeal. If you live in a colder region, be sure to use resilient plants, as this area can take a beating from the snowplow.

\* While cleaning out your gutters is a necessary spring ritual, power washing the exterior of your home can add a little extra life to the look of your house, especially the front porch.

\* Replace your house number and worn hardware on the front door, and consider a fresh coat of high-gloss paint on the door in a classy color, such as black.

\* Early spring is an excellent time to trim trees and other vegetation before they begin to sprout leaves. It's easier on your plants, and it's easy to identify branches that need to be trimmed.

### Maine Mortgage Rates

Type	Current	Last Month
30-year fixed	3.74%	3.68%
15-year fixed	3.00%	3.00%
5/1 ARM	2.72%	2.65%

As of March 5, 2012 — From Zillow.com

**TEMPEST RIDGE**

Phase II is complete! With ski in/ski out access on Lower Tempest trail and superb views, these townhomes are the ultimate in slopeside luxury. Be among the first to own one of these gorgeous mountain homes. Contact us today for a tour.

Sunday River  
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824-2389  
1-800-858-2139  
Cross St., Bethel  
westernmainesupply.com

# CLASSIFIEDS & REAL ESTATE

## FOR SALE

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Blowout Sale 6' Arborvitae (cedar) Regular \$129 now \$59  
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## VEHICLES

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Cancer Foundation Free  
Mammograms, Breast

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

14 M.R.S.A. § 6203-A et seq.

Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage Deed given by Ashmud, LLC to Machias Savings Bank ("MSB") dated March 16, 2009 and recorded in the Oxford Registry of Deeds in Vol. 4416, Page 212 ("the Mortgage"); of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder; for breach of condition of the Mortgage and for purpose of foreclosing the same; there will be sold at Public Sale on April 5, 2012 commencing at 11:00 a.m. at The Sudbury Inn, 151 Main Street, Bethel, Maine, all and singular the premises described in the Mortgage, to wit:

**Property Description:** Property situated generally at 151 Main Street and 8 Clark Street, both in Bethel, Maine, and more particularly described as follows:

"Parcel One: A certain lot or parcel of land situated in Bethel, aforesaid, with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the easterly side of Main Street in said Bethel, at the southwesterly corner of land formerly of Charles Clayton Bane and Elizabeth L. Bane, later owned by Norman L. Greig and June B. Greig; thence southerly by Main Street a distance of about sixty-eight (68) feet to its intersection with the northerly line of Clark Street, so-called; thence easterly by Clark Street a distance of about one hundred and sixty-five (165) feet to the southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of one Lapham, earlier of one Leach; thence running northerly by land now or formerly of said Lapham, about seventy-four (74) feet to a stake and stones on the southerly line of land of said Greig; thence westerly by land of said Greig, a distance of about one hundred and sixty-eight (168) feet to the bound begun at. Parcel Two: Also a parcel of land situated in said Bethel and being the easterly or rear portion of the larger tract conveyed by Charles Clayton Bane and Elizabeth L. Bane to Norman L. Greig and June B. Greig by deed dated February 7, 1962 and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 614, Page 98 and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the northerly line of land above referred to such point of beginning being located one hundred forty (140) feet easterly, measured along said line from the easterly line of Main Street; thence running northerly at right angles to line of said Sudbury Inn property to the southerly line of land formerly of Hiram H. Bean, later occupied by Harry Lyon; thence easterly by land formerly of said Bean, later occupied by Lyon, to the westerly line of land formerly of Morgan; thence southerly by land formerly of said Morgan to line of land now or formerly of one Lapham, earlier of one Leach; thence westerly by land now or formerly of said Lapham to the northeasterly corner of the above described parcel of land, and on the westerly by northerly line of said Sudbury Inn property, a distance of about twenty-eight (28) feet to the bound begun at. Parcel Three: A certain lot or parcel of land being triangular in shape, and being the northerly corner of land now or formerly of M & D Realty Trust on the northerly side of Clark Street in said Bethel and being more particularly located and described as follows: Beginning at the northerly corner of land now or formerly of M & D Realty Trust and which is located on the easterly extension of the southerly line of land of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Greig and one hundred sixty-eight (168) feet, more or less, easterly along said line from the easterly bounds of Main Street; thence easterly along said extension of the Greig's southerly line for a distance of thirty-two (32) feet to a point; thence southwesterly along the northwesterly line of other land now or formerly of M & D Realty Trust for a distance of forty-one (41) feet to a point on the westerly line of land now or formerly of said M & D Realty Trust; thence northerly along the westerly line of land now or formerly of M & D Realty Trust for a distance of twenty-one (21) feet to the point of beginning. Parcel Four: A certain lot or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in said Bethel and bounded and described as follows: Northerly by land now or formerly of Norman and June Greig; easterly by land formerly of Gary Morgan; southerly by Clark Street; and westerly by land occupied by the Sudbury Inn being Parcel One above. Parcel Five: A certain lot or parcel of land situated on the northerly side of Clark Street and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron pipe set in the ground as a corner on the assumed easterly edge of the right of way of said Clark Street at the southeasterly corner of land formerly of one Morgan now of Frances M. Clark; thence in a northerly direction for a distance of seventy-eight (78) feet more or less to an iron pipe set in the ground as a corner on line of land now or formerly of one Clark; thence in a westerly direction along line of land now or formerly of one Greig for a distance of sixteen (16) feet more or less to an iron pipe set in the ground as a corner; thence in a southerly direction and parallel to the first mentioned bound herein and along the line of land of Clymer for a distance of seventy-eight (78) feet more or less to an iron pipe set in the ground at the assumed edge of the right of way of the aforesaid Clark Street; thence in an easterly direction along said edge of said Clark Street for a distance of sixteen (16) feet more or less to the iron pipe set in the ground at the point of beginning."

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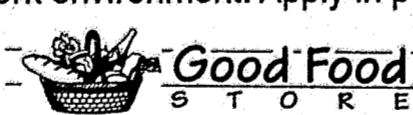
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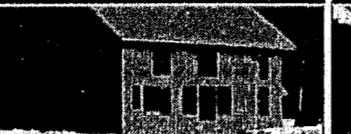
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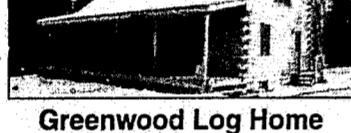
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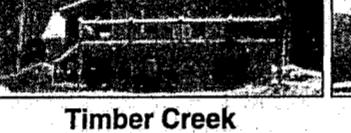
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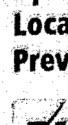
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# Church Services

**ALBANY**  
*Congregational Church* - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

**ANDOVER**  
*First Congregational Church* - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

*Calvary Bible Church* - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Morning worship 10:45 a.m. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

**BETHEL**  
*Bethel Alliance Church* - Rev. Kevin Bellinger. Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. FMI: 824-2289.

*Bethel Church of the Nazarene* - Rev. Chuck Mason, 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 6 p.m. Third Sunday of each month at 9 a.m., breakfast open to the public at no charge. For

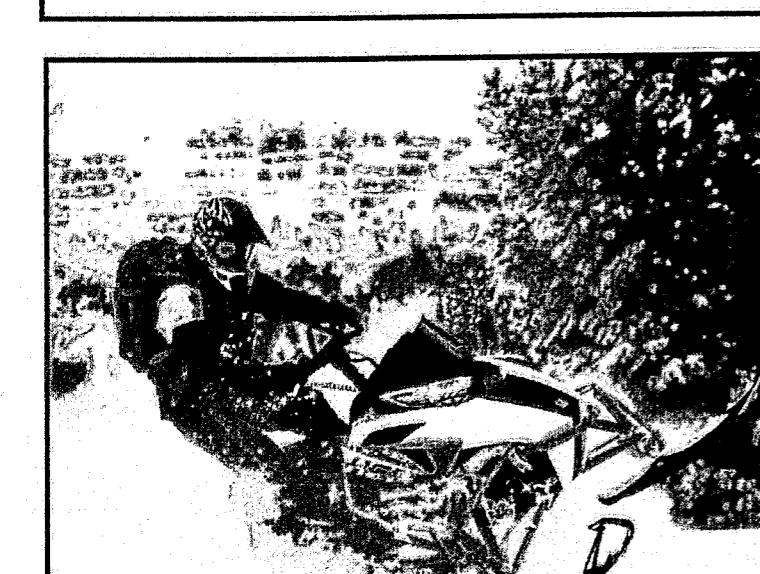
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*West Parish Congregational* - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast in the Dining Room downstairs. Entrance in rear of church. Thursdays: 7 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary. New voices welcome. FMI: 824-2689, 824-0550.

*United Methodist* - Main Street - Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Sudbury Village, Apt. 15. FMI: 824-0797.

*West Bethel Union* - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533 or 836-2882.

*Pleasant Valley Bible* - Pastor Dave Fraher.

Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings

and Grades 3- high school. FMI: 836-2828.

*Church of Christ* - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. FMI: 824-3577.

*Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship*: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 824-8939.

*Church of the White Cloud Outreach Healing Ministries* - Mail Blessings Study Course; phone requests prayerline. Mission Paula Ewing 824-2782. Jesus is a Friend.

**EAST STONEHAM**  
*Oxford County United Parish Churches* in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible study at 9:15 a.m.

**LOCKE MILLS**  
*Locke Mills Union* - Pastor Sondra Withey.

Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

**NORWAY/PARIS**  
*First Church of Christ, Scientist* - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

**RUMFORD**  
*St. Barnabas Episcopal Church* - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

**ROMAN CATHOLIC**  
*Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athansius and St. John* - 125 Main Ave. The Rev. Philip Tracy.

Saturday Mass, 4 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Weekday Mass, 8 a.m. Office 364-4556.

*Praise Assembly of God* - Pastor Justin Thacker. 986 Prospect Ave. Adult and teen Sunday school 9 a.m. Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night bible study 6:45 p.m. FMI call 864-3856 or see our website at www.

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We miss you.

Dad & Renee'

Family & Friends

### Notice of Public Hearing

March 13, 2012 - Town of Woodstock

The Woodstock Planning Board and the Woodstock Board of Selectmen will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday March 13, 2012 @ 6:00 PM to take comments on ordinance proposals which will be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting to be held on March 26, 2012 at 7:00 PM. The Public Hearing will be held at the Conference Room at the Woodstock Town Office.

The ordinance proposals are as follows:

1. Consumer Fireworks Ordinance
2. Report from the Commercial Wind Energy Committee
3. Occupancy Permit Ordinance
4. Quiet Zone Ordinance

Full copies of these proposed ordinances and a detail sheet of the minor changes proposed for the Sub-division ordinance are available at the Woodstock Town Office for full inspection.

Woodstock Board of Selectmen  
Woodstock Planning Board

praiseassemblyofgod.net.

**RUMFORD POINT**

*Rumford Point Church* - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withey.

**SUMNER**

*East Sumner Congregational* - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

**WEST PARIS**

*First Universalist Church* - Sunday services, 9 a.m., Sept. to June.

*West Paris Baptist* -

15 Church St. Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth 6 p.m.; Word of Life Olympians (kids club) 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.; Ladies' ministry, food pantry, third Saturday of month. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854.

*Mission Congregational Church* - Wallace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

**WOODSTOCK**

*Bryant Pond Baptist* - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays, Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

*Woodstock Seventh day Adventist* - Pastor Greg Carlson (207-527-2551), Saturday: 9:20 a.m.; Sabbath school 11 a.m. worship service.

*Pinhook Meeting House* (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

*Mahoosuc Mountain Friends* - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: 824-8669.

**Sunglasses found**

Wednesday, on Main St. in Bethel.

If you're call 207 400-9224

**Remembering You on your 21st Birthday**

**Dorothy Dawn "Dee Dee" Palmer**

3/14/91 - 11/03/07

You would have been 21 today. A beautiful blooming woman. I can see in my mind's eye that charm and grace you possessed shining into motherhood. Your love of children and all of life was a blessing to us all. Your nurturing love is felt as it surrounds and keeps us all connected. I'm grateful for the strength I receive from your light everyday my beautiful daughter.

There are some who bring a light so great to the world that even after they have gone the light remains.

Miss you more every day.  
Love you, Mom, Aunt Cindy, Uncle Bear, Lacey, Lauren, Lisa, Amie, Travis, Amy, Liz, Thomas and all those you are still a part of.

The Market Place at 101

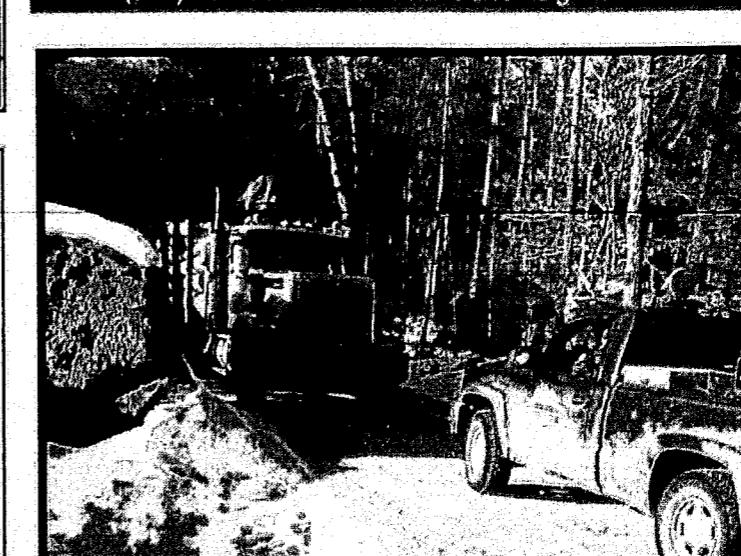
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The dangerous, nuisance rock is still in the way at Howard Pond in Hanover. However, with the recent judgement in regard to its illegal existence, its days are numbered.

## Obituaries



**SCOTT C. BILLINGS**

Mr. Scott C. Billings, 70, died Monday, March 5, 2012 at Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway.

Born in Rumford, Maine, on Oct. 17, 1941, he was a son of Harry and Winola (Millet) Billings. He was a graduate of Stephens High School in Rumford. He served in the US Army from 1964 to 1966 and also served in the National Guard. He worked for Diamond Match and several wood mills in the area. He also drove for Community Concepts.

Scott enjoyed reading, family gatherings, camping with his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed campaigning for the Democratic Party and was a friend to organized labor.

He was married in Dixfield, Maine, on Sept. 20, 1969 to Queda Holbrook, who survives of Bethel. Other survivors include two sons, Scott, Sr. of Milton and Aaron of Mexico; a daughter, Melissa Nickerson and her husband Scott of Plaistow, N.H.; grandchildren, Scott and Joshua Billings, Alexis Newton, Ethan and Elizabeth Nickerson; two sisters, Beverly Brown and her husband Gordon of Bryant Pond and Fay Roberts of Norway. He was predeceased by his parents; two brothers, Gordon and Lee; and a sister, Carolyn Brown.

Friends and relatives are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at www.meadrandon.com.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday, March 9, at the Meader & Son Funeral Home, 3 Franklin Street, Rumford, with Pastor Peter Liates officiating. Interment in the spring will be in the Abbotts Mills Cemetery, Rumford. Friends are invited to call at the funeral home after 12 Noon on Friday prior to the service.

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